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COL. KNOX ON MAIN TASK OF AMERICAN NAVY

Artillery Battles Rage In Philippines

LONDON, Jan. 11.

The U. S. Navy Department reports a Japanese attack on the naval station at Tutuila on the Samoan Island in the South Pacific.

The Department adds that a small Japanese vessel fired 14 light calibre shells into the Samoan naval station area. There was no material damage and only light casualties.

ARTILLERY BATTLES IN PHILIPPINES

WASHINGTON:— The text of Monday morning's War Department Communique states:

"Philippines Theatre:— A heavy artillery battle is in progress along the entire front. Ground activity is increasing as fresh Japanese troops move into front-line position. Enemy air attacks are being renewed on defensive installations and fortifications. Gen. MacArthur reports that the Japanese troops occupying Manila are attempting to suppress the use of radio receiving sets by the civilians. This apparently is designed to prevent the reception of broadcast from the United States and England even though the action also prevents the reception of propaganda broadcasts from Tokyo.

"There is nothing to report from other areas".

KNOX WARNS U. S. MAYORS

The Navy Secretary, Col Knox to-day warned a Conference of American Mayors against entertaining any hopes of immediate fullscale American naval engagements in the Pacific.

Hitler, not Italy or Japan, was the enemy that must be defeated first. The Navy's immediate task was the convoying of vital supplies of war for the united nations in the North and South Atlantic and the Pacific. The wide distribution of American naval forces precluded an early favourable, dramatic or triumphant showdown with the Japanese Fleet.

GUARDING OUTPOSTS

Col. Knox added: "There is fighting to do but there are long, long coasts to guard and our farflung bases and outposts and the Panama Canal to protect".

MASTER PLAN OF UNITED NATIONS

"The master plan of the United Nations called for the defeat of Hitler as the primary requisite for winning the war," Col. Knox declared. He emphasised that when Hitler was finished the whole Axis fabric would collapse and the finishing off of "Hitler's satellites" would be easy by contrast.

"Hitler by using Japan hoped to divert American production and supplies for Britain and Russia. Never in modern history has a nation so obviously committed national suicide than when Japan, goaded by Germany, began simultaneously the war with the American and British peoples."

Continuing Col. Knox said that the American Fleet was not idle. He referred to the Navy's patrols operating from ocean bases, declaring that the American Continent's security was in "a parenthesis of steel."

DECLARE S. AFRICA A REPUBLIC

CAPETOWN, Jan. 12.

The Leader of the Opposition in the House of Assembly, Dr. Malan, to-day gave notice of a motion asking the House to declare that South Africa should become an Independent Republic.—Reuter.

MAHATMA SELECTS PANEL OF SATYAGRAHIS

In Case Govt. Places Restrictions On Anti-All-War Propaganda

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 12.

A PANEL OF SELECTED SATYAGRAHIS, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, FROM VARIOUS CIRCLES HAS BEEN DECIDED BY GANDHIJI IN CASE HIS MOVEMENT, PROTESTING AGAINST ALL WARS WILL BE RESTRICTED BY GOVERNMENT.

THIS PANEL, IT IS LEARNT, INCLUDES PROMINENT ALL-INDIA FIGURES, AMONGST THEM BEING SARDAR PATEL, DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD, KHAN ABDUL GAFFAR KHAN, MR. VINOBA BHAVE AND FOLLOWERS OF UNADULTERATED NON-VIOLENCE.

THE MOVEMENT WILL NOT BE LAUNCHED, IF NO RESTRICTIONS ARE PLACED ON MAHATMA'S ANTIALL-WAR PROPAGANDA.

WAVELL VISITS CEYLON

COLOMBO, Jan. 12.

The military correspondent of the "Times Of Ceylon" reveals that Gen. Wavell paid a flying visit to Ceylon recently, remaining here for four hours.—A.P.

NEED TO STRENGTHEN ISLAMIC BLOC

IRAN RULER'S PLEA: TREATY WITH BRITAIN WILL BE SIGNED SOON, HE SAYS: ARMY REFORM PLAN

TEHERAN, Jan. 12.

The new Shah of Iran, Mohammad Riza, declared in an interview with "Reuter" that "the Anglo-Iranian Treaty will soon be signed." He added that immediately after the Treaty was signed he intended to carry out Army reforms.

The Shah also expressed a desire to strengthen the existing good relations between Muslim countries and for a more solid bloc than provided by the existing pact between Iran, Turkey, Iraq and Afghanistan. He said that he felt that Turkey, as the strongest Muslim Power, should take the lead in this respect.

"Our soldiers are among the finest in the world," he said. "But the Army needs up-to-date equipment, especially transport and the officers need more training." In the interests of Persian welfare the Shah expressed the hope that United States ships bringing supplies for Russia would take Iranian goods to America.

An Iranian Mission had just left for the United States and the present Governor of the National Bank, Mr. Ala, may proceed to Washington as the Iranian Minister there.

The Shah speaking of Russia said that Iran always feared Tzarist Russia, but the relations with the Soviet were good and he was anxious to improve them still further.

The same time as the Shah granted this interview, the Foreign Office issued a statement emphasising good relations between Turkey and Iran.—Reuter.

Mirza To Succeed Chattari?

(From Our Correspondent).

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Jan. 12.

I understand from most reliable sources that the name of Sir Mirza Ismail is before H. E. H. Nizam as successor to the Nawab of Chattari, who, is believed, will be drafted by the Government of India.

STOP PRESS

NAZI DRIVE TOWARDS DARDANELLES.

ON THE FRENCH FRONTIER. Requirements of the Russia front appear to have caused indefinite postponement of German plans for invading Spain, according to political observers, whose attention has, however, been drawn towards the Balkans, where many consider that a spring offensive against the Dardanelles may have to be reckoned with.

Vichy's retirement of forty-two French Generals "for purposes of reorganisation" has caused some astonishment as, considering the large number of French Generals taken prisoners, this must represent a good proportion of the remainder. The view is expressed in Press circles that the Generals may have been connected with the Anti-Darlan current in the French Army.

EUROPEAN DEWAN'S FIAT

Cochin Prajamandal Defies Ban

COCHIN, Jan. 11.

The new European Dewan of Cochin Mr. Dixon has banned the Cochin State Prajamandal Conference that was to meet on January 10th and 11th of this month. In a published interview the Dewan is reported to have given two reasons for his decision to ban the Conference, namely, that the new Dewan, who is a civil servant lent from Madras, has had no time to study political conditions in Cochin and that the holding of the Conference itself would divert the attention of the people from defence precautionary measures which the Government are at present engaged in. The Prajamandal has issued a lengthy statement expressing surprise and protesting against this unexpected move of the Dewan. To say that a political Conference would upset A.. R. P. and other defence measures is, considering the situation in India to-day, a little far fetched. The second reason urged that he should have more time to study conditions in the State is amazing. He has been there now three months. This demand virtually means that political institutions in the States should await the conveniences of the authorities before they can carry on their normal activities. This is a position which is difficult for the people to accept. The Prajamandal therefore, decided to defy the order. Twenty Prajamandal workers including the Secretary, who is also the President of the Cochin District Congress Committee, have been arrested. Messages to this Conference were received from Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya and many other prominent workers in the States' People cause.

'Big News' From Soviet Front

Recapture Of Lyudinovo: German Forces Now Well Outflanked

LONDON, Jan. 12.

The recapture by the Russians of Lyudinovo on the railway between Vyasma and Briansk was described in authoritative circles in London to-day as "big news."

It is very important because the Germans, still fighting in the neighbourhood of Borovosk behind their positions, are now well outflanked and the claws of the Russian pincer, although still a long way apart, are in a good position for closing. The northern claw of the Russian pincer was last reported at Staritza.

Capture Of Lyudinovo

Monday's Soviet night 'communique' stated:

"During January 11 in a number of sectors of the front our troops continued their advance outflanking and destroying German resistance centres.

The enemy suffered heavy losses in man-power and in material.

Our troops occupied a number of localities including the town of Lyudinovo (some 40 miles due north of Briansk) and the important railway station of Tikhonovopustyn.

On January 10, 11 German planes were destroyed. We lost two planes."

German Admission

BERLIN:—Admitting that Soviet troops carried out seven attacks on Saturday east of Orel, the German News Agency claimed that these attacks were foiled by the German defences. Five Soviet attacks supported by tanks on the same day in the Volokolamsk area were also admitted.

A German High Command 'communique' says that fighting continues in the Central Sector of the Eastern Front and the Valdai regions. On other sectors there were no considerable operations.—Reuter.

CAWNPORE LEAGUE CHIEF RESIGNS

CAWNPORE, Jan. 12.

Mr. Haiye, President of the Cawnpore District Muslim League, has resigned from his office.—A.P.

NAZI NAVAL BASE BOMBED

Sixth Air Attack On Brest Within One Week

LONDON, Jan. 12.

After a one night gap the R.A.F. resumed the offensive against German naval objectives.

An Air Ministry 'communique' states: "Last night Bomber Command aircraft again attacked the German naval base at Brest. None of our aircraft are missing."

This is the sixth attack on Brest within a week.—Reuter.

PATROL ENCOUNTER ON THAI BORDER

Two Alerts In Rangoon: Small Number Of Bombs Dropped

RANGOON, Jan. 12.

A 'communique' by the Civil Defence Commissioner states that very small number of bombs were dropped early this morning to the north of Rangoon. There were no casualties or damage."

TWO RAID WARNINGS

Rangoon had two air-raid warnings just before dawn this morning. On the first occasion a few bombs were dropped apparently to the north of the city. Strong anti-aircraft fire was heard and hostile aircraft beat a hasty retreat. The second alert was very brief and apparently without any incident.

REDUCED AIR ACTIVITY

BOMBAY:—Upto five o'clock this afternoon, states the Rangoon radio, no enemy aircraft were in the vicinity of Rangoon, though it is believed that there was enemy air activity on a reduced scale over the whole country during the day.

PATROL ENCOUNTER

A combined Army Headquarters and Royal Air Force 'communique' issued to-night states that during the day our aircraft carried out reconnaissance over enemy territory.

During a patrol encounter on the north Thai frontier, our troops inflicted casualties on the enemy without loss to themselves.—A.P.

BUSINESS FOR CENTRAL ASSEMBLY

NEW DELHI, Jan. 12.

Demand for the abolition of classification of political prisoners and the release of political prisoners and detenus is contained in a resolution standing in the name of Mr. Akhil Chandra Datta for discussion in the budget session of the Assembly.

Another resolution recommends the declaration of election to the Central Assembly of Raja Jagdambika Pratapnarain Singh of Ajodhya in place of Sardar Jogendra Singh as null and void and that the latter still holds office of member as he has now been released from jail.—United Press.

Japanese Rout: Retreat In Confusion

8,000 KILLED IN FINAL ENGAGEMENT

Big Chinese Drive Towards West: Burma Road "Chokeful"

CHUNGKING, January 12.

"ON the North Hunan Front the bulk of the retreating Japanese forces has been finally engaged. Eight thousand have been killed. The routed Japanese forces are fleeing in great confusion."

CHINESE FORCES ON THE MOVE

The Burma Road is "chock full" of Chinese troops moving westward to the border with tanks and motorised artillery units, Bren guns and light weapons, according to a foreign traveller who has just arrived in Kunming, "thousands upon thousands of them are moving westwards," he said.

Many Raids On Singapore

But No Damage Reported: British Retreat From Selangor Area

LONDON, Jan. 12.

There is at present no definite information in London regarding the fate of Kuala Lumpur, it was stated on Monday in authoritative circles.

Nine Japanese who landed dressed as Malays in south-East Johore will be tried by a military court in accordance with International Law.

BOMBAY:—Independent reports indicate, according to the Singapore radio, that our fighters and anti-aircraft batteries are causing a certain amount of damage to the Japanese planes over Singapore area.

Indian soldiers have reported that German soldiers are operating with the Japanese in Malaya. So far the number of Germans in Malaya has not been ascertained.

SINGAPORE:—A "communique" says: "Severe fighting continues in the Selangor area. Our troops are being withdrawn to positions north of Serembam where they are now in contact with the enemy. Our withdrawal was closely followed up by enemy infantry with continued attacks from enemy aircraft.

A small party of nine enemy dressed as Malays landed in the Bukitchurang area in south-east Johore from fishing "sampans" yesterday. A party sent out to deal with them have captured all the nine.

Serembam was bombed yesterday, slight damage being caused to road communications which have been repaired.

Enemy aircraft made a further raid on Muar yesterday, Machine-gunning the town and sinking one small ship.

There has been a number of raids to-day on Singapore by enemy aircraft.

Preliminary reports of the first raid indicate no damage and two casualties. The enemy aircraft were engaged by our fighters, but details of the combats are not available. No reports of damage or casualties from subsequent raids have so far been received".—Reuter.

Free French Forces On Way To Libya

LONDON, Jan. 12.

Free French forces from Syria are 'en route' to reinforce the Eighth Army in Libya according to a Cairo dispatch to the Independent French News Agency.

The contingent is equipped with the most modern arms while amongst the troops are veterans of the Abyssinian and Eritrean campaigns.—Reuter.

Russia is said to have made large purchases of wool in Sinkiang, reports from China's new dominion indicate. It is stated that the volume of exports from that Province to Russia have recently increased.—A. P.

TWO JAPANESE CRUISERS BOMBED

Dutch Air Force Scores Direct Hits: Oilfields In Tarakan Destroyed

LONDON, Jan. 12.

The Batavia Radio stated to-day that it seemed probable that the garrison of the N.E.I. Island of Tarakan will not be able to hold the invading Japanese forces for any length of time, as they are far superior in numbers.

"It is practically certain that the destruction of the oilfields has already taken place," said the announcer adding: "This makes the island useless as a liquid gold mine for at least six months and, we need hardly add, by that time we shall have driven the Japanese out again."

Fighting At Invasion Points Continues

BATAVIA:—An N.E.I. 'communique' says that operations in Mina Hassa continue with fighting between the Japanese landing troops and parachutists and the Dutch troops.

The 'communique' adds that no further particulars can be announced at the moment about the attack on the Island Tarakan off the East coast of Dutch Borneo and the fighting there which continues fiercely. During the action one Dutch naval plane was lost.

DUTCH AIR SUCCESSES

Further N.E.I. air successes including direct hits on two Japanese cruisers are announced. The latest reports say that fighting at the two invasion points is continuing stubbornly at 21.30 Java Time.

Allies' planes yesterday shot down four Japanese planes over Mina Hassa, while they further scored two direct hits on a Japanese cruiser and a near miss on a destroyer.

N.E.I. bomber scored a direct hit on a Japanese cruiser off Tarakan this morning, while N.E.I. Glenmartin bombers also scored two direct hits on two Japanese transports lying there.

Two Australian planes were shot down in flames by Japanese this morning near Menada.

Three Japanese planes were shot down by N.E.I. fighters at Singapore.

The pilot of one N.E.I. plane landed safely by parachute after he was obliged to bail out when he had shot down two Japanese planes.—Reuter.

H. E. M. Bonvin, Governor of French India, and Madame Bonvin attended the sports meeting of the Chandernagore Sports Association on Sunday. An address of welcome was presented to His Excellency and Madame Bonvin in which it was suggested that the Government should organise sports and gymnastic excursions in all the schools and colleges under it under expert supervision. His Excellency accepted the suggestion and promised to put it into action.

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(1) for the purpose of laying before them pursuant to Section 208(D) of the Indian Companies Act 1913 an account of acts and dealings of the Liquidators and of the conduct of the winding-up during the year ending the 31st day of December 1941 and also for the purpose of laying before them a statement in the form and containing the particulars prescribed under the said Section 208(D) with respect to the position of the Liquidation.

(2) for the purpose of considering, and if, thought fit, passing the subjoined Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution.

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Bombay, dated this 5th day January, 1942.

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Joint Liquidators,
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SUPPLY

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MACHINERY, SPARES FOR MACHINERY AND MILL STORES FOR THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY OTHER THAN JUTE.

IN ORDER to conserve existing stocks, ensure the maximum production in India and obtain the necessary supplies that cannot be manufactured in India from overseas, the Government of India have decided;—

1. In the case of machinery, parts for machinery and mill stores manufactured in India, the manufacturers in India concerned may consult the Cotton Textiles Directorate, Hararwala Building, Wittet Road, Bombay, with regard to any assistance that they require to obtain their requirements of raw materials for the manufacture of these articles in India.

2. Textile Mills wishing to import machinery or parts for machinery should apply for the necessary priority assistance to the Cotton Textiles Directorate on the forms provided for this purpose. Only applications from mills will be considered. Forms can be obtained free of charge from the Directorate General of Supply, New Delhi, the Assistant Director General, Cotton Textiles, Bombay, and all Controllers of Supplies.

3. In the case of mill stores:—

(a) the following have been classified as essential mill stores:—

1. Bobbins
2. Card Clothing and Card Clothing Sundries
3. Shuttles
4. Belting
5. Picking Bands
6. Ropes and Bandings
7. Machinery Cloths
8. Roller Skins
9. Pickers
10. Tape and Banding
11. Healds and Reeds
12. Loom Sundries
13. Card Cans
14. Emery Fillet

(b) With effect from 15th February 1942 import into India of the above mill stores from the United Kingdom whether orders have already been placed or not, will require an import licence which will be issued by the Chief Controller of Imports, New Delhi. General licences will be granted to "recognised importers", but individual licences may be granted to other importers in respect of orders already placed in the United Kingdom. Mills and Firms who desire to be recognised as importers should apply in the prescribed form THROUGH the Assistant Director General, Cotton Textiles, Hararwala Buildings, Bailard Estate, Bombay, to the Chief Controller of Imports, New Delhi. Forms can be obtained from the authorities mentioned in (2) above. Recognition will only be accorded to mills and firms who imported from the United Kingdom the essential stores concerned in substantial quantities during the year 1st April 1938 to 31st March, 1939.

Priority assistance for recognised importers will be arranged as far as possible for the import of these items from the United Kingdom in sufficient quantities to meet the requirements of the Industry as a whole in the year 1942. His Majesty's Government will be asked to see that the United Kingdom manufacturers concerned despatch these stores through the normal pre-war channels of distribution in India. Individual mills should not therefore apply for priority assistance as ample stocks should be forthcoming as a result of this step. If any mill is in very urgent need of any particular item, the Assistant Director General, Cotton Textiles, Bombay, should be informed.

(d) In the case of Card Clothing, it has already been necessary to ration supplies and all sales now require a licence from the Cotton Textiles Directorate. It is hoped that it will not be necessary to extend this rationing so drastically to other essential mill stores. Much can be done by the industry and dealers in stores to prevent this step if care is taken in the use of stores to make them last as long as possible, and if mills refrain from placing orders for stores which they do not require in the near future. If this is not done of and hoarding of mill stores by dealers and building up of excessive stocks by mills continues, the requisitioning and control of stocks by Government will become inevitable.

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Public Notices

G.I.P. RLY.—TENDERS.

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, invites tenders for reconditioning of scrap brass turnings and brass burnt available at the Mechanical Stores Depot, Parel. Tender forms obtainable from the Controller of Stores' Office at Rs. 2/- per copy which amount will not be refunded. Payment by cheque, postal orders and postage stamps will not be accepted. Closing date Thursday, the 5th February 1942 at 3 p.m. (S.T.).

6961.

Legal Notices

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY.

INSOLVENCY NO. 7 OF 1942

Re: SUKHDEO RAMCHANDRA SHINDE, residing at Haines Road, Byculla, Bombay No. 11, till recently carrying on business as grass merchant outside the Fort of Bombay, ... A Debtor.
Ex parte: MANUBHAI PREMCHAND: ..... Petitioning Creditor.

On the 9th day of January, 1942, an order was made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtor an Insolvent.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1942.

S. S. RANGNEKAR,
Insolvency Registrar.
7057

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MANSUKHLAL DAMODAR MEHTA, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Fort Chambers, Dean Lane, Fort, Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of leasehold land or ground with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being on the North side of the Extension of Ranade Road also called Keluskar Road at Shivaji Park, Dadar, outside the Fort, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 568 Square Yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New No. Nil, New Survey No. Nil, Cadastral Survey No. 1797 of Mahim Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under G Ward Nos. 4673(1), 4673(1A), 4673(1B) and Street Nos. 84, 84A, and 84B, and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the EAST by the Plot No. 39 with the property of Doctor Dabholkar thereon, on or towards the WEST by the Plot No. 8 with the property of Sarabhai Khimkhar thereon, on or towards the NORTH by the Plot No. 86 with the property of M. N. Deshpande thereon and on or towards the SOUTH by the said Extension Ranade Road, Shivaji Park, also called Keluskar Road.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1942.

DAYALJI & DIPCHAND,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
7060.

SUMMONS FOR DISPOSAL OF SUIT

(Under Order 5 Rule 20)
(Rules 1 and 5, Order V. Act V of 1908.)

CIVIL SUIT NO. 3 B OF 1941

IN THE COURT OF MR. L. D. TRIWEDI, SUB-JUDGE 1ST CLASS AT BASIM

ABDUL GAFARKHAN, ... Plaintiff.
GULKHAN. ... Defendant.
CLAIM—Rs. 1,100

To

Gulkhan son of Shekh Mirkhan caste Rohila, resident of Keuwad Tahsil Basim, District Akola.

Whereas plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for Rs 1,100 you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person, or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit or who shall be accompanied by some person able to answer all such questions on the 19th day of January, 1942, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to answer the claim; and as the day fixed for your appearance is appointed for the final disposal of the suit you must be prepared to produce on that day all the witnesses upon whose evidence and all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 10th day of January, 1942.

(Seal.)

L. D TRIWEDI.
Sub-Judge 1st Class,
BASIM.

(7056)

Legal Notices

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY.

INSOLVENCY NO. 9 OF 1942

Re: NOWROJI MANECKJI SETHNA, residing at Jassawala Bungalow, No. 47, Warden Road, Bombay: ..... A Debtor.
Ex parte: TEHMINA SHAVAKSHAW KHODAIJI: ..... Petitioning Creditor.

On the 9th day of January, 1942, an order was made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtor an Insolvent.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1942.

S. S. RANGNEKAR,
Insolvency Registrar.
7058.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HASHAM HAJI USMAN KHATRI, of Bombay Muslim inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

That any person or persons having any claim, right, title and interest in or to the said property by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, trust, lien, possession, maintenance, gift, inheritance, lease, easement, or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at 36, Tamarind Lane, Tamarind House, Fort, Bombay, within Fourteen Days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece or parcel of land of the Leasehold tenure being plot No. 106 of Parel Road North Scheme No. 47, containing by admeasurement 429 sq. yds. or thereabouts and bears New Survey No. 1C/2511 and Cadastral Survey No. 800 of Mazagaon Division together with the tenement or building standing thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under E Ward No. 7501 sub No. 1 and street No. 15 to 39 all which premises are situate at Parel Road near Kalachowki, in the City and Registration District of Bombay and are bounded as follows, on the East by the property of Haji Jan Mahomed Adam & Anr., on or towards the West by Parel Road, on or towards the North by land comprised in case No. 105 of the said scheme leased to the Manecklee Petit Manufacturing Company and on or towards the South by a passage Twenty-three feet width leading into Parel Road.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1942.

GHULAMALI NOORANI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
7049

Auction Sales

BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF OFFICE FURNITURE, GODREJ SAFES & STEEL CUPBOARDS, ETC.

Under instructions from the Custodian of Enemy Property Messrs. BENNETT & CO. will sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the 13th January, 1942, at 2-30 P.M. (S.T.) at the office of Messrs. Mitsui Bishi Sohji Kaisha Ltd. at Churchgate Street, Fort above Messrs. Mongini Bros., the undermentioned office furniture etc. of Messrs. Mitsui Bishi Sohji Kaisha Ltd. vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property.

Writing tables, chairs, Godrej Safes and steel cupboards, partitions, counters, filing racks, electric ceiling fans D.C., big lot stationery, roll top writing table, etc.

On view.

BENNETT & CO.

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AUCTION SALE OF BUILDING MATERIALS.

Under instructions from the Bombay Municipality (Impts.) Messrs MENESSE & CO. will sell by Public Auction on FRIDAY, the 16th January 1942, at 3 p.m. (S. T.), at the premises the materials for removal of the following Buildings:—

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Building St. No. 98-100; Case No. 98/100; Temker Street

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Daily: 4, 7 & 10 p.m.
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BOMBAY & SUBURBS

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

Hindu: Paush Vad 11, 1998
Muslim: Zilhaj 25, 1360
Parsi: Amarsad 11, 1311.
Sunrise: 7-16 a.m.; Sunset: 6-18 p.m.
Highttide: 8-4; Lowtide: 2-42.
Municipal Corporation: 3-40 p.m. (B.T.)

LECTURE ON RANADE: To commemorate the birthday centenary of the late Mr. Justice Ranade, Prof. N. R. Phatak will deliver a lecture at 3-30 p.m. to-day (Tuesday) in Parle Tilak Vidyalaya, under the auspices of the Boys' Council.

CHEQUES CLEARED

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 9/1/1942 were as under:—Number of cheques—1,50,262. Amount of cheques—Rs. 25,01,84,010/0/11.

MEETING AT FALKLAND GARDENS: A public meeting will be held under the auspices of the Radical Democratic Party, Bombay, at Falkland Road Gardens, to-day (Tuesday) at 5-30 p.m. Mr. B. T. Rane will preside. The topic will be: "The Present National Situation."

THIAGARAJA FESTIVAL, MATUNGA: The following is to-day's (Tuesday) programme:—8-15 p.m. Sri. N. S. Sankararaman, Vocal; Sri. V. Raj, Violin; Sri. M. S. Raju, Mridangam. 9-15 p.m. Srimathi Rajalakshmi Balakrishnan, Vocal; Sri. S. Krishnaswamy, Violin; Sri. M. S. Raju, Mridangam.

'F' WARD CONGRESS COMMITTEE: At the meeting of the Managing Committee of the 'F' Ward District Congress Committee held on 11th January the following members have been appointed office-bearers:—Vice-Presidents: Messrs. J. C. Maitra and Rudra Pratapsingh. Jt. Hon. Secretaries: Messrs. G.A. Todankar and D.J. Athale. Treasurer: Sjt. Ishwarlal Joshi.

GATHA SOCIETY: A public meeting of the Gatha Society will be held to-day (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. (S.T.) at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute, 136, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, when Mr. Behramgore Tehruras Anklesaria, M.A., will give a summary in Gujarati of the Vahishta Ishti Gatha (Yasna Ha 53).

—DE'LISLE ROAD A.R.P. COMMITTEE: Under the auspices of the Committee Captain G. S. Gothoskar, Asstt. A.R.P. Controller (Medical), will distribute certificates to First Aiders and will start a new class for First Aiders to be conducted by Mr. R. D. Khade in the Maharashtra High School, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, at 5 p.m. to-day (Tuesday).

BOMBAY SUBURBAN SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCN.: Under the auspices of the Association Mr. J. P. Naik will deliver a lecture to-day (Tuesday) at 5 p.m. in Dr. A. Da Silva High School, Dadar, on "Wanted a new approach in education". Mr. S. U. Shukla, Principal, Hansraj Morarjee Public School, Andheri, will preside.

MARWADI STUDENTS' UNION: The Marwadi Students' Union has decided to collect a sum of rupees ten thousand for 'The Students' Fund' in order to help the poor and deserving students without the restriction of caste, creed and sex.

A Rasotsav (Variety Entertainment) has been organised in its aid by the Union on 18th inst. at 5 p.m. at St. Xavier's College Hall. Prominent artistes who have agreed to come are:—Shri. Vishnupath Pagnis, Pt. Gaurishanker, the famous dancer of Madame Menaka Ballet; Miss Lila Kennedy, Mr. Chatterji, the famous Violinist; Pt. Murlidhar Dadhich and Mr. L. D. Patil, Vadan Pravin.

Besides there is a one-act Play in Hindi and Garbas by amateur artistes which will give you a good week-end entertainment.

Admission is by tickets which can be had from the office, Nar-Narayan Mandir, Javer-Bang, Kalbadevi.

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AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CAPITOL—"Love Crazy". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-45 p.m.
REGAL—"Great Guns". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-45 p.m.
METRO—"The Big Store." Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Target for Tonight". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Aloma of the South Seas" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Chandan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
PA[illegible]—"Roshni". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
E[illegible]. Daily at 3, 6-30 and 9-45 p.m.
[illegible]END—"Doctor". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
M[illegible]—"Sikandar." Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
K[illegible]—"Khazanchi". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
IM[illegible]L—"Gharki Laj". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
OE[illegible]—"Dhandora". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CE[illegible] Sakhu." Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
EDWARD—"Radhan". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Swami". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
BROADWAY—"On the River". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Nayachi Dasi". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Tulsi". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CENTRA—"Shadi". Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
PALACE—"Hold That Ghost." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
HIND-MATA—"Darshan". Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We have receied the following:—
A table and a wall calendar from S. D. Shethia and Co., Bombay.
A wall calendar from Oriental Balm.
A wall calendar from Chimanlal Desai and Co.
A wall calendar from Meto Lubricants.

MILLOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, NEW CHAIRMAN: The ballot held on Monday, the 12th January, 1942, for the election of Chairman of the Association for the year 1942 has resulted in the election of Mr. Vishandas M. D. Thackersey, of the Crown Spg. and Mfg. Co., Ltd., the Hindoostan Spg. and Wvg. Mills Co., Ltd., the Indian Mfg. Co., Ltd. and the Western India Spg. and Mfg. Co., Ltd.

BOMBAY RED SHIRTS

The Secretary of the Bombay Red Shirts writes:—
A general meeting of the Bombay Red Shirts was held on 9th instant at the headquarter Imperial Mansion, Ripon Road. Mr. Hafiz Abdul Kareem presided.
The meeting decided upon a Working Committee of twelve members, and elected the following organising officers:—
General Secretary: Mr. Nusuruttilah Abbasi; Asstt. Secretary: Mr. Nuruddin Ansari; Propaganda Secretary: Mr. Mohammed Ummer Farooq; Treasurer: Mr. Hafiz Abdul Kareem; Captain: Mr. Abdul Majeed Affandi; Junior Captains: Mr. Mohammed Yoonus, "Basher"; Mr. Abdulla Sardar; Mr. Ibraheem Quereshi and Mr. Mohammad Yaqoob.
The election of the president will be announced later.
This Red Shirt organisation is the same which was organised by Mr. Ali Bahadur Khan, M.L.A. But now it is functioning without him, as he has severed his connections with this organisation.

Sir Andrew Clow In Bombay

The Hon. Sir Andrew Clow, Communications Member, Government of India, arrived in Bombay on Monday.

G. E. Society's Girls' School At Dadar

His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, Sir Roger Lumley, will open the new building of the General Education Society's Girls' School, at Tulsi Pipe Road, Dadar, to-day (Tuesday) at 5 p.m.

On The Air

TUESDAY, JAN. 13.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian Troops in the Far-East. 5 N. V. Sharda: Veena. 5-15 Sukhdev Prasad. 5-30 Ghazal aur Naat. 5-45 Feroz Begam. 6-15 Chanda Bai. 6-30 Kitabon ki Baten: Review of Hindi Books. 6-45 For Villagers only. 7-45 It has happened, or Malhar: Geet. 7-50 Zohra Nazneen. 8-5 Pratap Singh and Party. 8-15 For the Universities: Talk on "What is Metaphysical Poetry?" 8-30 Feroz Begam. 8-45 N. V. Sharda: Veena. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 Feroza Begam. 9-55 Listening Post relayed from the B B C. 10 Sukhdev Prasad. 10-15 Pratap Singh and Party. 10-25 Zohra Nazneen.

Bombay 1—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Flute recital. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-25 Shahjahan. 8-40 G. G. Kharadkar. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Gangu Bai. 9-40 Pralhad Ganu: Dilruba. 9-50 Marathi Pad. 12-30 p.m. Sindhi songs. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Gujarati songs. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch Hour Music. 4-15 School Broadcast. 5 to 5-5 To-morrow. 5-5 to 5-15 Dabke Master. 5-15 to 5-20 Pralhad Ganu: Dilruba. 5-30 Nagaridas Bhajan 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Shahjahan. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Narottam Das: Sarangi. 6-20 Local news and announcements in English. 6-25 Same in Hindustani. 6-30 Children's Half Hour (Gujarati). 7 The Layman's Economist: Talk in Marathi. 7-15 Shahjahan. 7-30 P. B. Nippanikar. 7-45 News commentary in Gujarati. 7-50 S. N. Chapekar. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Shadow of Japan. 8-45 At a Quarter to..... 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening Post: Examination of points in the daily German propaganda. 10 Chamber music Concert.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Flute recital. 8-10 P. B. Nippanikar. 8-25 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Jaltarang solo. 9 A I R Chorus Party. 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay 1. 12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

61.48 metres (7,240 kc/s)

4-15 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 Tarana Marwa. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 to 8 As in Bombay 1. 8 Gangu Bai. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 A I R Orchestra. 9-10 Shahjahan. 9-25 Master Amritlal. 9-40 Pralhad Ganu: Dilruba. 9-50 P. B. Nippanikar. 10-10 Gangu Bai.

Cricket commentary by Talyarkhan at 10-30 at Poona

MADRAS GOVERNOR ON A.I.R.

MADRAS, January 12.

His Excellency the Governor will give a short broadcast talk at 5-30 p.m. on Tuesday 13th January, from the A.I.R. Studios, Madras. Translations of the talk will be broadcast immediately afterwards.

He will speak on the position in Madras in connection with events in the Far East, and on the duties of every citizen at the present time.—A. P.

Mr. Pandurang Sakharam Gaikwad, out of whose donation a fountain has been erected near the Round Temple, Null Bazar. The opening ceremony will take place on Wednesday (Jan. 14) at the hands of Mr. M. D. Bhat, Municipal Commissioner.

Lighting Restrictions

BOMBAY, Monday.

It is reliably understood that due notice will be given to the public of Bombay and suburbs when the A.R.P. lighting restrictions are to be strictly enforced.

Meanwhile arrangements are being made for the manufacture of suitable light shades and to have them made available for sale.

KERALA SAINT AND REFORMER

Portrait Of Sri Narayana Guru Unveiled

An oil portrait of the late Shree Narayana Guru, well-known Kerala saint and reformer who preached the gospel of "One God, One Religion, One Caste", was unveiled in the hall of the Billawar Association, Raghunath Dadaji St., Fort, by Swami Guruprasad, a leading disciple of the Guru, on Sunday afternoon, in the presence of a large gathering.

A collection in air of the Shri Gokarnath Temple at Mangalore, one of the sixty and odd temples founded by the late Guru, was made at the meeting and handed over to the trustees of the temple who are now in the city.

The managing committee of the Billawar Association were "At Home" to Swami Guru Prasad, the delegates of Shri Gokarnath Temple, Mangalore, Mr R. K. Prabhu and the representatives of the Mogaveera Vyavasthapaka Mandali, Mogaveera Yuvaka Sangha, Mogaveera Mahajana Sabha and Tannirubhavi Mogaveera Sabha, on Sunday morning at the office of the Association.

CIVIC GUARDS IN BOMBAY

There were 5,000 Civic Guards on the roll in Bombay Province on December 1. Of these, 1,341 including 34 in the motorised section, were in Bombay City and 3,749 in the districts.

The Guards continue to give useful assistance to the Police and 60 of them turned out for duty at the Sonik Mistri Fair at Wadala. A sharp look-out is being kept by the Guards for cases of illicit liquor distillation and information was given to the Police in two such cases.

A man who was arrested by two Civic Guards while stabbing his wife in September last has been convicted and sentenced to 5 years' rigorous imprisonment on a charge of culpable homicide.

A popular innovation was a camp of exercise arranged by the Company Commander, No. 2 Company, Northern Division, at Ghodbunder.

Meeting Of Parsi Youths In Dadar Parsi Colony

Under the auspices of the organizers of the Second Parsi Youth Conference a public meeting of the Youths of the Parsi community will be held on Wednesday, the 14th inst. at 6-15 p.m. at the Palamkote Hall, Parsi Colony, Dadar, where the object, plan and programme of the Second Parsi Youth Conference which is to be held on the 25th and 25th January will be explained.

Dasturji Framroze A. Bode, Dr. B. H. Mehta, Mr. Soli Pavri, Mr. Hoshang D. Dungaji, Ervad P. Antia and others will address the meeting.

Mr. Mancherji E. Joshi, J.P., will preside.

All the Parsi residents of the North of Bombay and specially the youths between the ages of 16 and 40 are earnestly requested to be present.

Late Miss Sharda Joshi

The General Secretaries of the BBCC writes:

It is a painful shock to us to read the press report of the sad death of Miss Sharda Kevalram Joshi who died on Sunday last as a result of severe burns. Sharda was a Satyagrahi from the City of Bombay. She was arrested on the 2nd December and was released two days later in the general jail delivery. She was an educated young woman ready to make sacrifices in the cause of her country. It is indeed very sad that so promising a career should have been nipped in the bud. We express our heart-felt condolences to our friend and comrade Shri Kevalram Joshi and his wife, who are Sharda's parents and who have been Congressmen of long standing.

New Honorary Police Prosecutor

Mr. G. G. Shimoga, M.A., LL.B., Advocate, High Court, has been appointed by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, as Honorary Police Prosecutor, for the Juvenile and Coroner's Courts.

For the past six years or so, Mr. Shimoga has been having a successful practice at the Small Causes Court, Police Courts and High Court Appellate Side.

Mr. Shimoga had a brilliant University career and had made a name for himself as an inter-university Champion-Debater, representing Bombay University for seven years.

Safeguarded Rights Of Journalists

Press Association Resolution On Death Of Sir Akbar

NEW DELHI, Jan. 12.

The Press Association at a meeting this morning passed a resolution placing on record "its deep sense of the loss sustained by the death of the Rt. Hon Sir Akbar Hydari the first Member for Information and Broadcasting of the Government of India, who had endeared himself to the journalistic profession by his personal charm and his keen interest in safeguarding rights and interests of the profession".

The meeting conveyed to Mr. M. S. A. Hydari and other members of the family its sincere condolences on their grevious loss.—A. P.

Bombay Corporation's Tribute To Sir Akbar Hydari

Glowing tributes were paid by the Municipal Corporation to the memory of the late Sir Akbar Hydari on Monday, for his great achievements not only in the field of administration, but also for Hindu-Muslim unity, for which he strove so hard.

Dr. J. A. Collaco, the Mayor, referring to the death of Sir Akbar Hydari said:

Almost in the wake of our last meeting came the news of the death of Sir Akbar Hydari at New Delhi (on the 8th January 1942) at the age of 73 years. Few persons in India have lived a richer and more useful life than did Sir Akbar Hydari. By far the greater part of his active and crowded career was spent in the service of Hyderabad State, where his marked ability for constructive work found wide scope. To Sir Akbar Hydari Hyderabad State owes its present progress and prosperity where he successively served as Accountant-General, Finance Member, Member in Charge of the Home Department and President of the Executive Council, As Finance and Railway Member, Sir Akbar laid firmly the foundations of Hyderabad's financial stability. Sir Akbar Hydari served His Exalted Highness, the Nizam, in many varied spheres. The Osmania University owes its origin primarily to his inspiration. He established and organised the Archaeological Department of the State and to-day the glories of Ajanta are preserved by his foresight and care.

Six months ago this veteran administrator entered the expanded Executive Council of His Excellency the Viceroy. Sir Akbar Hydari was essentially a scholar-statesman and in his death there passes away a veteran public figure and an administrator of outstanding talent.

Mr. S. K. Patil then moved the following resolution: That the Corporation have learnt with deep regret of the sad death on the 8th January 1942 of the Rt. Hon. Sir Akbar Hydari, Nawab Hyder Nawaz Jung Bahadur, Kt., P.C., who as a great scholar, educationist, administrator and statesman, rendered yeoman service to this country.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of the deceased with an expression of the Corporation's sympathy in their sad bereavement.

That as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the Corporation do now adjourn without transacting any business today.

Mr. Patil said the late Sir Akbar Hydari was the maker of the modern Hyderabad in the fields of education, finance and administration.

Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta in seconding the resolution said what the late Sir Lalubhai Samaldas was to the Hindus, the late Sir Akbar Hydari was to the Muslims.

Mr. S. L. Silam and Mr. M. I. Rowji further supported the resolution which was carried standing as a mark of respect.

The House then adjourned till to-day 3-15 p.m. (B.T.)

Atiya Begum's Tribute To Hydari

A 3 Arts special meeting was held on the 11th inst. Atiya Begum paid high tribute to the memory of the late Sir Akbar Hydari, who, she said, was most devout Muslim, a silent, assiduous worker and statesman, the maker and creator of modern Hyderabad. From the complicated mysterious chaos, he unravelled many knotty entanglements and slaved to gain independence and initiate modern progressive methods, she further added, he was astute, wide awake and did not allow a single opportunity to go unheeded in serving his master, not only as a servant of the State, but also as a staunch, sincere friend, up to the last moments he breathed. His finest quality was his patriarchal feelings towards his elders, his gentle courtesy to the children and the poor. His charities were Koranic, which says: "If you do a charity with the right hand, do not let the left know about it." The noble Sir Akbar Hydari leaves a gap which can never be filled.

Mr. Makani and others spoke with feelings.

All then stood up with impressive silence and recited Fateha.

Prof. K. P. Kulkarni's Lecture

An interesting lecture on the "Romance Of Words", was delivered at the Town Hall, Bombay, by Prof. K. P. Kulkarni, on Monday evening. Principal, A. A. A. Fyzee presided. The lecture was held under the auspices of the P.E.N.

The lecturer in the course of an illuminating discourse gave a detailed catalogue of words which would defy the knowledge of any savant of comparative philology. The learned President Mr. Fyzee, when asked by members of the audience after the lecture was over declined to make any presidential comments and humorously replied that the subject was beyond his ken and that the duty of a Chairman was not to dabble in a subject which he did not thoroughly grasp.

The intricacies of both the philological and etymological aspects of the world's important languages which included Latin, Sanskrit, Arabic, Persian, Greek, English and French were lucidly discussed by Mr. Kulkarni as unfolded his elaborate thesis which dealt with words that could be categorised both as ancient and modern.

The lecturer indicated how worde from one language had seeped into another and as concrete examples quoted some common words which were found in more than one language.

The Latin 'Pater' and Sanskrit 'Pitru' had also its equivalent in Persian pronounced as 'Pidar'.

Professor Altekar proposed a vote of thanks.

Request To Pilgrims

The Chairman of the District Board, 24-Parganas (Bengal), has requested intending pilgrims not to visit the Ganga Sagar Mela this year, because arrangements for their comfort are not available.

AROUND THE COURTS

MILL SECRETARY DISCHARGED.

BOMBAY, Monday.

Holding that the prosecution had not made out a case of criminal breach of trust as a servant against Keshavlal Gordhandas, secretary of the Shri Ram Mills, Mr. Mathalone, Presidency Magistrate, Third Court discharged the accused to be discharged.

The accused was arrested on March 8, 1941 on a charge of criminal breach of trust as a servant in respect of Rs. 86,300.

ARRESTED CHINESE BAILED OUT.

Fok Sum, Yue Ming and three other Chinamen were placed today before the Presidency Magistrate, Third Court on a charge of assaulting police and Customs officers on duty.

The Magistrate directed the accused to be released on bail of Rs. 200/- each.

YOUNG WOMAN DIES OF SHOCK FROM BURNS.

Death was caused by shock from burns accidentally sustained from a sacred (Niranjan) lamp, was the verdict at the inquest, to-day, on the body of Shardhabai, daughter of Kewalram Joshi, Hindu Brahmin 20 years old, residing at No. 5 Sonawalla Building, Tardeo.

Parsi Central Association & Political League

The annual report of the Parsi Central Association and Political League for the year ending 30th June 1941 is out which shows some interesting features of the Association's work.

In October 1940 a special sub-committee of the Association considered certain amendments to its constitution suggested by Prof. Sohrab Davar, a Vice-President of the association and others which were incorporated and the name of the association was altered by the addition of the words "and Political League." Thus the activities of the association which were hitherto limited to social, economic, housing, etc., matters were extended so as to secure and promote the political welfare of the Parsi community.

TRADES AND PROFESSIONS TAX

During the year under review a representation was sent by the League to H. E. the Governor of Bombay, protesting against the proposal of the Bombay Municipal Corporation to levy a tax on Trades and Professions, as Bombay was the most heavily taxed city in India. It was also suggested that, if at all such a tax was justified, its consideration should be deferred till after the war.

ELECTORAL ROLL OF LEGISLATURE

A special committee was appointed to get up on the Bombay Legislative Electoral Rolls all eligible Parsis, with the result that within seven weeks, the names of 9600 Parsis were added to the electoral rolls through the efforts of the Association—a no mean achievement considering the relatively small expenditure incurred.

THE PARSI CENTRAL ASSOCIATION CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY LTD.

This society continued to show improvement financially. The outstanding loan of Rs. 2,10,000 given by Government at 5 per cent was fully repaid to it out of the Society's funds and from certain moneys advanced by two Parsi gentlemen at the reduced rate of 3 per cent.

Tributes To Sir Manilal Nanavati

Under the auspices of the Gujarat Mahamandal a meeting was held at Sundrabai Hall, Queen's Road, on Monday evening when Sir Manilal B. Nanavati was commented on the services he rendered to the public as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank.

The Hon. Mr. Mangaldas Pakwasa presided.

Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Diwan Bahadur Kishanlal Javeri, Seth Gordhandas Murarji and others paid tributes to Sir Manilal.

Sir Manilal made a suitable speech in reply. He referred to the agricultural problem in Gujarat and said that, if the agriculturists of the province were provided with cheap electricity the province could produce good and cheap food.

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MAINTAIN STATUS QUO

India expects the All-India Congress Committee, which meets on Thursday, to give a wise and clear lead. Opinions may differ on what is a wise lead. But the Committee's decision should be at least clear and unequivocal. There should be no more occasion for any leader to have to say that he led a long campaign of suffering under a mistaken interpretation of the Committee's resolution. The Committee need no longer discuss this or that interpretation of any of its past resolutions. But it should give an unambiguous answer to the vital issues before it. They are, first, whether or not the country should now be defended by arms against enemy aggression and, secondly, if it is to be so defended, on what terms the Committee is prepared to participate in the armed defence. The Bardoli decision is clear enough and to our mind represents the views of a vast majority of Congressmen. If it is at all to be modified so as to be made more acceptable to the people it should continue to be at least as clear; nor should the main issue be shirked.

Need For Clearness

We need to say all this because some of the modifications suggested are hazy and blur the issue. Such, for instance, is the resolution adopted by the Karnatak Provincial Congress Committee which says: "After carefully considering the Working Committee resolution we reaffirm our faith in non-violence as a sovereign remedy for curing the ills from which India and the world are to-day suffering. A Free India alone can decide whether she should participate in this and any other war" The first sentence seems to support out and out non-violence but more or less as an ideal to be achieved as early as possible. And the very next sentence reveals the possibility that, if India is free, she may participate in this and any other war. The immediate attitude towards non-violence in face of a war is dubious and will certainly not satisfy Gandhiji himself, while the second sentence shirks the question what the Congress will do if India is made free. The question may be asked why it is necessary for the Congress to state now its attitude towards war until India is free. The reasons are, first, that the Bombay resolution was misinterpreted by many besides Gandhiji to mean that Congress would not support any war and, second, that a public statement of Congress willingness to help war effort on the condition of India's freedom will itself release forces helping her freedom.

Wisest Course

If Congress stands for out and out non-violence and does not want India to be defended by arms now or hereafter, the case is different. But that is not the position of the Congress and the millions it claims to represent. A few facts bearing on this point are worth being quoted. it may be remembered that in July 1940 the Working Committee, when urged by Gandhiji to declare that "it does not want that India should maintain armed forces to defend her freedom against external aggression or internal disorder", issued a statement replying to this advice as follows:

"While the Working Committee hold that the Congress must continue to adhere strictly to the principles of non-violence in their struggle for independence, the Committee cannot ignore the present imperfections and failing in this respect of the human elements that they have to deal with and the possible dangers in a period of transition and dynamic change, until the Congress has required non-violent control over the people in adequate measure and the people have imbibed sufficiently the lesson of organised non-violence. The Committee have deliberated over the problem that has arisen and have come to the conclusion that they are unable to go the full length with Gandhiji".

In the following July the A.I.C.C. considered this statement and confirmed it, adding:

"The A.I.C.C. is of opinion that, as explained therein, while the Congress must continue to adhere strictly to the principle of non-violence in the struggle for independence, it is unable, in the present circumstances to declare that the principle should be extended to free India's national defence".

It should be noted that this resolution of the A. I. C. C. stands, though the Poona offer accompanying it, was later withdrawn. Since the adoption of the resolution "the present imperfections and failings of the human elements" the Congress has to deal with have not appreciably decreased, nor has the Congress acquired non-violent control over the people in adequate measure. And this has been abundantly demonstrated during the recent riots. In these circumstances it will be disastrous for the A. I. C. C. to adopt a policy that will virtually disarm the nation in the midst of a war. It is also wrong ethically for the A. I. C. C. to extend radically the scope of the Congress creed without the consent of a plenary session. Indeed, the plenary session itself must be on this very issue. Just at present the wisest course for the A. I. C. C. is to maintain the 'status quo' by endorsing the Bardoli decision.

Assurance To Turkey

Apart from its value to Anglo-Russian relations Mr. Anthony Eden's statement was timely in another connection also. He was able to offer, through the British Ambassador at Ankara, a much-needed assurance to Turkey. Between September, 1939, and June, 1941, the diplomatic record of Russia had been unsatisfactory so far as the Turks are concerned. M. Molotov, championing the cause of Russia's ally, Germany, treated the Turks to open criticisms, bullyings and even vague threats. Later when the race for grabbing territories in South-eastern Europe was started by Herr Hitler, M. Molotov cast his eyes on Bulgaria and Turkey. The Russian idea may have been, in fact it was, inspired by a desire to check the Germans. But the Turks could not very well appreciate, much less sympathise with, the view that a country threatened by Power politics trouble from its ally, was entitled to help itself to the territory and independence of a third country. The Turks are rather sensitive about the territorial integrity of their country and the independence which they have won after such a hard and long struggle and saw no reason why they should lose both. The Germans taking prompt advantage of the past have been playing upon Turkish prejudices engendered by the Kremlin itself.

Anglo-Russian assurances given sometime after the German attack on Russia succeeded to a large extent in neutralising Nazi efforts. But suspicions relating to vital matters once started die-hard. And there is the wily von Papen always on the spot to keep them alive. M. Stalin and Mr. Anthony Eden both did a very wise thing in recognising and facing the existence of these suspicions. Mr. Anthony Eden has publicly repudiated all allegations of an Anglo-Russian deal and Sir Hughe Knatchbull Hugesson, the British Ambassador at Aankara, has brought back from Moscow political assurances and personal good wishes of M. Stalin and Mr. Anthony Eden for Turkey. It is reported that Sir Hughe's interview with M Sarajoglu has been entirely successful and that the Turkish Foreign Minister is "most satisfied" with the talk. Let us hope this is so. For we believe that Anglo-Russian assurances to Turkey are genuine and that neither Britain nor Russia dreams of including Turkey in the category of countries like, for instance, Iran or Iraq.

Significant Hint?

There have been speculation as to the future attitude of Russia towards the Japanese attack upon Britain and the U.S.A. Is a recent despatch from the Siberian military area published by "Red Star" intended to throw light on the problem? "Commanders and men of the Siberian Army", it declares, "know that the hour is not far off when the task of dealing a new crushing blow to the Fascist hordes will be assigned to them." The emphasis in the despatch is on training for winter warfare. And, therefore, it may all be interpreted to apply very fittingly to the Russo-German front as the objective of this Siberian Army. But, on the other hand, Russia has already got enough reserves on the spot trained by Marshal Voroshilov and Marshal Budenny. They are meeting with such success that the Red Army beating Supreme Commander Hitler from pillar to post does not need reinforcements from Siberia. Moreover, it has been the firm policy of Russian leaders never to weaken their Siberian Army. What then is "the task" for which "the hour is not far off" and where is the "new crushing blow to the Fascist hordes" to fall?

Frankly Speaking

The Russian Front

More good news comes from the Russian Front. What might have been intended by Herr Hitler as his second winter line has also been pierced. The Russians have crossed the Donetz at several points in the Ukraine direction. What is more, they have captured two more strategically important towns on the Moscow Front, further strengthening their pincer movement against Mojaisk. Eight to ten Nazi divisions are faced in this salient with the alternative of being encircled or running away. But in the latter case, too, only an extra-ordinarily remarkable effort by Herr Hitler can save them from a disastrous rout. Anyway, there is now little doubt that the Russians will shortly clear up the whole area in front of Moscow up to Smolensk. Developments in the Crimea are equally encouraging. The whole Southern Coast is now in Russian hands and as a result of Russian landings in the North-West the Perekop Isthmus is being threatened and the Crimean army of Supreme Commander Hitler is in danger—though not yet in grave danger—of being bottled up and destroyed.

Phenomenal Progress

We cordially commend to our readers the special interview given to the "Chronicle" by Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan and published in our columns yesterday. It indicates and explains the extra-ordinary progress made by the Frontier Province in the Constructive Programme of the Congress. The training camps for the workers are a revelation in themselves, about 70 workers being admitted into each of the taluka camps, 200 into each of the districts camps and 500 into each of the provincial camps. It is no wonder then that hundreds of trained workers have spread themselves over the length and breadth of the province, carrying the Congress message of independence and service to the remotest villages. Judged even from the monetary point of view the work achieved by the workers and the people guided by them is remarkable. But far more so is the moral effect of such work on the people as a whole. Considering the initial difficulties of the province, it deserves the first place in mass organisation on right Congress lines, thanks to the selfless, strenuous and ceaseless service of Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan and his Khudai Khidmatgars. It will be well for selected Congress workers in other provinces to visit the province and exchange notes about mass organisation through service.

Government's Neglect

Presiding over the third quarterly meeting of the Central Committee of the All-India Manufacturers' Organisation on Sunday, Sir M. Visvesvarayya expressed the feeling in the minds of most Indians that Government had not only neglected India's industrialisation in the past but were also sadly neglecting the opportunities created by the war. Referring to the scheme of committees propounded by the Commerce Member of the Government of India for the consideration of the problems of the post-war reconstruction, Sir M. Visvesvarayya said that the preparations hitherto announced were so hedged in by restrictions that a discriminating public could easily gather from them that no material advance either in the support to be given to the industries or in the relaxation of Government restrictions was contemplated. As things are, the people must, as the speaker suggested, rely on self-help in a spirit of Swadeshi. Since a National Government alone will earnestly labour for the country's industrialisation, the public and businessmen alike should co-operate in every possible way to hasten the advent of a free national Government.

General Education Institute

The appeal issued by the General Education Institute, Dadar, for funds to cover the cost of its own new premises for its girls' high school deserves generous response from the public. The Institute, founded fifty years ago, now conducts 14 schools with a total number of 5,200 pupils, a record which not many educational institutions can beat. its girls' high school, which opened in 1936 with 70 girls, has now on its rolls as many as 850, an unmistakable tribute to its popularity. Its new premises, which will be opened to-day by Sir Roger Lumley, have cost about Rs. 2 lakhs and to recover this amount the Institute has formulated an attractive scheme of naming the school and its big halls after munificent donors; but we assume a donor may prefer somebody else's name than his own to be given to the school or a hall, as the case may be. As the work of the school and the Institute is meritorious we trust the Institute's appeal will meet with good response in one form or another.

INDIA & THE WAR

Evolution Of Congress Policy

(By G. N. A.)

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"Confident in the determination of all responsible opinion in India to support of the war effort until victory is secured" (as their own communique put it) the Government of India decided on December 3, 1941, to release most of the Congress prisoners, including Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. Why did the Government of India feel confident that "responsible opinion" in India would support the war effort any more than it had done at present?

We have seen in the last article how at the outbreak of the war the Congress volunteered its co-operation and how the slow and devious methods of the Government turned enthusiasm into indifference. We also saw how the fall of France made the Congress to come out once more with a gesture of compromise and how the obstinacy of the British Imperialists forced the Congress to go back to the path of Satyagraha.

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Meanwhile the Blitzkrieg blazed over Europe and the dark shadow of Nazi tyranny grew and spread from the Atlantic to the Black Sea. And as the shadows lengthened more and more, voices both in India and in England were raised against British policy in India; for, as Mr. Jamnalal Bajaj, quoting a famous Sanskrit verse once said, British policy in India was such as to make "a dumb man grow eloquent and a lame man to leap over mountains."

The approach of the Japanese menace from the East only intensified this clamour and the new Executive Council of the Viceroy was able to exert enough pressure to bring about the release of most of the political prisoners. The plea for a revision of the Congress policy with which we are primarily concerned here was based somewhat on the following argument. It was admitted as an unfortunate fact that there were in the British Government Imperialists of the ancient Peel-Palmerston school who looked upon India only as a means of rehabilitating the weakened post war economy of England. But by the very dynamics of history this school was destined not to remain in power for ever. Mr. M. N. Roy, for instance, repeatedly urged that history of to-morrow would not necessarily be moulded by the opinions and prejudices of those in power to-day, however mighty they may be.

Again as Mr. Jayakar pointed out, it was admitted that as long as Britain was moved by the slave owner's mentality, it was her duty to defend India. But that did not in anyway lessen India's own responsibility. To borrow one of Mr. Rajagopalachari's parables, simply because a robber had come and snatched away one's wife and children, one could not tell his wife and children:—"Now that he has taken you, it is his job to protect you. My duty ends." It may be that you had to rescue your wife and children from one robber. In the meanwhile you should make sure that they did not get killed in a fight between that robber and another.

It was also urged that it was futile to demand Independence from Britain. It was also dangerous. Supposing you had lent a thousand rupees to a man who refused to return it to you although you were long pestering him for it and suddenly while you were in the midst of a jungle he sighted a party of robbers swooping down and chose just that moment to repay your debt. You would naturally be very reluctant to take it. The best possible arrangement would be for him to return half and keep half and for both to fight together, each for the defence of his half.

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Those who opposed any revision certainly admitted the wisdom of this point of view. Mahatma Gandhi himself, in the course of his speech at the last A. I. C. C. meeting had said:—"You say you want independence. But you forget that it is beyond their power to give it to you. . . . It is absurd to launch civil disobedience to-day for independence. How are we to fight for independence with those whose independence is in grave peril? Even if independence can be given by one nation to another, it is not possible for the English. Those who are themselves in peril cannot save others." But they were helpless in the face of the intransigent attitude of the British Government. As Mahatmaji so crisply put it:—"Mr. Amery's pronouncements do not soothe a festering sore, but they are like sprinkling chillies on it."

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru reflected this school of thought when in the course of a statement to the "Daily Herald" of London of December 12, he said:—"Many of us were distressed that at this supreme moment in the world's history India was not playing a more active and effective part." But it was made perfectly clear by the Congress President and several others that "the main obstacle in resolving the deadlock is the attitude of the British Government towards India." (Maulana Azad's speech at Chowpatty, Friday, December 26).

It would be obvious from the foregoing that there was considerable unanimity as far as Congress opinion regarding Britain's treatment of India was concerned. Actually internationalists like Pandit Nehru felt that it was one of the great tragedies of history that an undoubtedly great Nation like Britain whose people had shown such incredible capacity for heroism and self-sacrifice should be displaying such crass stupidity as not to recognise that by liberating India they would be turning a potential defeat into certain victory.

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But suddenly the last meeting of the Working Committee had disclosed a note of dissension in this facade of unanimity. And that was on the issue of Non-violence. How did this happen and what exactly is its significance? We shall deal with this in the next article.

*The first article appeared on January, 12.

(To Be Continued.)

Settlement With India Question Of Life And Death

Satyamurthi's Indictment Of British Unpreparedness In Hong Kong & Malaya

MADRAS, January 12.

"A settlement with India is no longer for Britain a political question. It is literally a question of life and death for the people of India," declared Mr. S. Satyamurthi, Deputy Leader of the Congress Party in the Central Assembly, in a statement to the press.

WHAT INDIA ACT ENJOINS

"Under Section 12 of the Government of India Act, 1935", said Mr. Satyamurthi, "The Governor-General has among the special responsibilities the prevention of any grave menace to peace and tranquility of India or any part thereof. The Joint Parliamentary Committee, on whose recommendation the Government of India Act was passed say that 'The department of Defence is a cardinal department for it is responsible for the Defence of India in all its aspects whether concerned with internal security or with protection from foreign invasion. In the sphere of Defence, the Governor-General's responsibility will remain undivided and unimpaired and the department of defence will be under his exclusive direction and control.'

SARAWAK'S ATTACK ON BRITISH.

"These are", said Mr Satyamurthi, "impressive words but what are the facts, we were told that India's strategic frontiers lie in Singapore and Hong Kong on the East and Egypt on the West and Indian troops were sent there long ago. Thank God they have given a good account of themselves. But Hong Kong is gone and Singapore is menaced. If the defence of India is really in the Malayan State, 'inter alia,' why was not Malaya defended as it ought to have been? The Rajah of Sarawak who, I believe, is an Englishman said recently that the present position in Malaya was due to 'gross incompetence and criminal negligence. Singapore brass-hats, old school tie La-Di-Da incompetents and any others responsible for the phantastic position in Malaya should be sacked immediately', and Mr. Curtin, the Australian Prime Minister, said that the Rajah's attack on British military and political leadership should be cabled to London "Economist" who had attacked him.

WHY ARE THEY NOT STRONG EVERYWHERE?

"What is the British Government's answer with regard to the unpreparedness of Malaya", asked Mr. Satyamurthi, and continued: 'Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, says:—It is not the case that we neglected or forgot Singapore. If we were wrong, it is a deliberate decision and not one based on neglect'. Was that deliberate decision taken in consultation with the People of India whose homes are now threatened by the position in Malaya? Mr. Eden says that the Government take full responsibility in that regard. If any responsible Indian Government had taken that step, it would not have survived twenty-four hours. Let us hear what Major Attlee, the Deputy Premier, had to say on the matter He apologises for this bungling and says loftily that 'The fact that at the outbreak of the war, Japan found our territories in the Far East less strongly garrisoned than we should have wished them to be, resulted not from any lack of provision but from the fundamental fact that it is beyond our resources to be strong everywhere." Why it is a fundamental fact? Because and only because Major Attlee and his colleagues will not let India defend herself. Had they accepted the Poona Offer, late as it was, it would have been possible to provide the Far East also with adequate men and munition.

Major Attlee then asks the House of Commons eloquently, 'What would the House have said if we had excused ourselves for having insufficient Air Forces in the Middle East because we had to meet a problematical attack by Japan? We have sent what we could to the Far East. But it is idle to suppose that even if we had increased our production to the utmost extent possible, we could have provided within the time available the transport, arms and personnel in the Far East, equal to the resources of Japan.'

OPTIMISM AND UNPREPAREDNESS

The British House of Commons, proceeded Mr. Satyamurthi, may excuse Major Attlee, but an Indian Parliament might have dismissed him. Why was the attack by Japan problematical? It only shows the helplessness of British diplomacy. Again, why should not Indian production have been stimulated atleast after the war. Then India could certainly have provided the transport, arms and personnel necessary. But no. The British Government did not allow even a motor industry to be built up in this country. And in spite of all these unpreparedness, why were optimistic accounts given to the people of this country? Lord Addison in the House of Lords criticised Sir Robert Brook-Popham's optimistic statements in the past about the situation in the Far East and expressed the hope that 'The Government would enquire how this responsible officer could make statements so grievously at variance with the facts. I am glad a nincompoop of that kind has been removed from that command.'

NO REAL DEFENCE WITHOUT REAL POWER

"India's feelings on this matter," said Mr. Satyamurthi, "cannot be better expressed. Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, chose to strike a defiant note. He said 'certainly we took risks in the Far East; but with our eyes open and with confidence in the support which we should have obtained from the powerful armed forces of the United States, if Japan was guilty of an act of aggression.' He admits that British squadrons in the Far East are all too few, but gives us the assurance that they are not going to be left unsupported. India asks and rightly — when will that support come and where are the powerful armed forces of the United States? I am not anxious to secure verbal victories against these gentlemen. The situation is far too serious and tragic for my country. But surely is it impossible even now for Britain to realise that unless the Indian people are made to realise by their own leaders in full power that this is their war, there can be no real Defence of India.

NOBLE BUT HOLLOW WORDS

Lord Linlithgow speaking at Karachi the other day said, "You have realised that in modern warfare the battle line is of infinite depth. It runs through the home of each citizen however far removed that may be from the sound of the guns; and it is

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FELLOWSHIP

"We—are we not formed, as notes of music are,
For one another, though dissimilar?
Such difference without discord, as can make
Those sweetest sounds, in which all spirits shake
As trembling leaves in a continuous air".

SHELLEY, *EPIPSYCHIDION*

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

KARACHI, Jan. 10.

Addressing the first all-Sind Durbar attended by representatives of Government and the people this evening, His Excellency the Viceroy justified the holding of durbars even in war time for bringing together Government and the people.

—Anglo-Indian report.

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"A bold stroke now can satisfy India" pleads old Lord Meston.

It is possible that Mr. Winston Churchill or his India deputy, Mr. Amery, may shortly deal it in an effort to—stun India.

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Lord Meston, we notice, denounces the sacred Pakistan campaign as "fantastic nonsense."

This is a verbal challenge to Mr. Jinnah which we hope the Qaid-e-Azam will immediately take up.

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The great Savarkar meeting at Chowpatty was, we noticed, presided over by the Hon. Mr. Govindlal Shivlal Pitty.

Yes, the Honourable Gentlemen is a member of the Council of State on behalf of—the Congress.

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Our London correspondent reports the possibility of Sir Stafford Cripps visiting India in his personal capacity.

It is, however, not yet known whether Mr. Jinnah will consent to be at home to him this time.

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Britain's Ankara Ambassador has brought back for Turkey earnest assurances and personal good wishes from M. Stalin.

This is a very very far cry, isn't it, from M. Molotov's only two-year-old oratorical performances regarding Turkey and her relations with the enemies of the Axis.

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Thus the "Red Star": "Commanders and men of the Siberian Army know that the hour is not far off when the task of dealing a new crushing blow to the Fascist hordes will be assigned to them."

Hullo, hullo, what's that?

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According to a Chungking message, the debacle of the Japanese forces which had planned to conquer Changsha continues.

Malaya papers, please copy!

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Apropos of the necessity of Anglo-American re-inforcements for the Far East, encouraging reports, says the Australian Navy Minister, have been received of the fulfilment of the promises made at Washington.

We are eagerly awaiting the end of the report stage.

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According to a German announcement, the Luftwaffe bombed Anapa a port in the Caucasus, causing, of course, a large fire.

But isn't it a bit too late?

And only one large fire- Hitler and Goebbels appear to be losing their bombing accuracy.

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The Berlin communique also reports that in their defensive (sic) fight on the central and northern sectors, the Germans inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

And lost Balaklava in the "southern" sector. This, however, is not mentioned.

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Teacher: "Why is our language called the Mother Tongue?"

Scholar: "Because father never gets a chance to use it!"

NEW BISHOP OF MADRAS

A. M. Hollis To Succeed E. H. M. Waller

LONDON, Jan. 12.

The Rev. A. M. Hollis, Vicar of Charlton Kings and Charlton, and at present a chaplain to the forces, has been elected Bishop of Madras in succession to the Rt. Rev. E. H. M. Waller and has written to the Metropolitan of the Church of India, Burma and Ceylon accepting the offer.

He was a distinguished scholar of Trinity College, Oxford and after training at the Leeds Clergy School was ordained in 1923 as Curate of St. Andrews, Huddersfield. In 1924 he was appointed chaplain and lecturer at Hertford College, Oxford, and Fellow in 1926.—Reuter.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

It's always to a man's credit to pay cash.

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Even a tall man may not be above criticism.

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We might enjoy work more if we did not have to do it.

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No woman cares to be the silent partner in a matrimonial firm.

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Many a man's phonomenal success is a surprise to him.

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Many a would-be jolly good fellow might really be so if he would only stop telling jokes.

Deodhar Festival

Rest Of India "All Out" For 431

Western India Make 213 For Three At Close Of Play

POONA, Jan. 12.

Weather was bright and sunny when the play on the second day of the four-day festival match commenced here this morning on a perfect wicket.

Gul Mohamed and Ramaswamy, the over-night not outs, commenced their unfinished innings. N. J. Venkatesan and Amir Elahi became associated but the new-comer soon followed Amarnath being l. b. w. for one.

The dismissal of Ramaswamy and Amarnath brought a collapse of the Rest of India side, the remaining three wickets falling for the addition of only nine runs, for all of which Saravate responsible.

The Rest Of India first innings terminated forty minutes before lunch for 431.

Western India First Innings

The Western India commenced their first innings twenty minutes before lunch through Hindlekar and Vinoo Mankad.

The pair were together when the game was adjourned for lunch with the score of 35 for no loss (Vinoo batting 31, D. D. Hindlekar batting 4).

The stands were packed to capacity when the game was resumed after lunch.

When tea was taken Western India had made 129 runs for the loss of two wickets (Kishanchand batting 17 and H. R. Adhikari 13).

Resumption after tea saw Amir Elahi coming on again from the Club House end assisted by Ram Singh from the Council Hall end and Adhikari got a four off Ram Singh. The Rest of India got their third wicket in the second over after tea, Kishanchand being caught behind the wicket by Srinivasan off Ram Singh (137—3—19). The young Karachi players had been a patient knock and he was at the wicket for 72 minutes, before he went back to the pavilion.

Hazare and Adikari now became associated and Adhikari began to open out and was aggressive against Amir Elahi.

Both batsmen played out time and when stumps were drawn for the day Western India had made 213 runs for the loss of three wickets, Adhikari batting 74 Hazare batting 20, extras nine.

Adhikari has so far hit nine fours and his partnership with Hazare has so far added 76 runs for the fourth wicket.

REST OF INDIA (First Innings.)

Mushtaq Ali c Naomal b Sohoni	38
Nazar Mohmad c Saravate b Banerjee	29
Ramsingh (run out)	69
Ramprakash l.b.w. Banerjee	25
Bhaya c Vinoo Mankad b Banerjee	36
Gul Mohamad b. Saravate	116
Ramaswami b. Saravate	75
Amarnath l.b.w. C. S. Nayudu	17
Amir Elahi b. Saravate	16
N. J. Venkatesan l.b.w. Saravate	1
Mubarak c. Kisanchand b. Saravate	0
Sreenivasan (not out)	0
Extras	13
Total	431

WESTERN INDIA (First Innings)

D. D. Hindlekar, c and b Elahi	44
Vinoo Mankad, l.-b.-w b Venkatesan	47
Kishanchand, c Sreenivasan, b Ramsingh	19
Adhikari, batting	74
Hazare, batting	20
Extras	9
Total (for three wickets at close)	213

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Amarnath	30	11	56	0
Mubarak Ali	12	3	30	0
Ramsingh	15	2	46	1
N. J. Venkatesan	7	0	32	1
Amir Elahi	18	5	46	1

It is learned that Mr. C. T. Saravate, who was responsible for the collapse of the Rest of India side on Monday morning was presented with the same ball with which he captured five wickets in 8.5 overs at the cost of only fourteen runs.

East Zone Inter-'Varsity Hockey

PATNA: January 12.

The final of the East Zone Inter-Varsity Hockey Tournament between Allahabad and Benares again ended in a draw this evening, each side scoring one goal. The replay will take place here again to-morrow.—A.P.

Bhopal Horse-Breeding Centre

BHOPAL: January 12.

Already famed for its Polo ponies, Bhopal soon promises to develop into an important horse-breeding centre. Nawabzadas Fakhr-ul-Mulk and Yemin ul-Mulk (nephews of His Highness the Nawab of Bhopal) already well-known in Indian Racing circles, have reviewed the Bhopal Stud—first started by their father, the late Gen. Nawabzada Obaidullah Khan—on modern and ambitious lines. The Stud, hardly three years old, has already attracted mares from Bombay, Calcutta, Hyderabad (Deccan) and Montgomery District.

Standing at the Stud are two of the best known horses in the country "Mass Dantibes" and Zuyder Zee".

The Stud has 36 brood mares.—A. P.

BR. DRIVE FOR SCRAP

To Make Up For American Ban On Export

LONDON, Jan. 12.

A new nation-wide drive for steel and iron scrap, which it is hoped, will speedily produce two million tons for war purposes is being undertaken by the Minister of Works, Lord Reith, on behalf of the Ministry of Supply.

The campaign will include, firstly an accelerated national survey of such possible sources of supply as disused machinery, railtracks and disused coal pits, secondly accelerated clearance of local dumps and thirdly a speed-up in the collection of iron railings from parks and public buildings.

The disclosure of possible supplies is compulsory. Every householder will be asked to turn in any available disused metal, even food tins and rusty nails.

Mr. G. M. Carter of Newcastle has been appointed Director of Demolition and Recovery in charge of this new salvage drive.

NEED FOR DRIVE

Lord Reith commenting on the scheme said that he has received two cables sent by Lord Beaverbrook from America, explaining that steel and iron scrap from American sources would not come in future. Therefore we should be self-supporting and make up the amount of scrap we had had from America from untapped sources in Britain. Everybody would have to be got into the effort to collect what was required from housewife of big industrialists.—Reuter.

Central Advisory Board Of Education

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Jan. 12.

Sir Maurice Gwyer, Chief Justice of India, Mr. John Sargent, Educational Commissioner with the Government of India, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Mr. J. N. Bottomley Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, and Dr. Sir Ziauddin Ahmed have arrived in connection with the meeting of the Central Advisory Board of Education which will be held here on January 14 and 15.

The Standing Committee Board is meeting to-morrow.—A.P.

'To Listen To Rumours Is Foolish'

BOMBAY, Jan. 12.

The Hon. U Ba Than, Minister of Education, the Rangoon Radio reports, addressed another meeting to-day in Rangoon. He said that to listen to rumour was foolish and that the best way to win the war was to carry on with one's normal occupation and to remain at one's post.—A.P.

Ranji Trophy

BENGAL BEATS U. P. ON 1ST INNINGS

BENARES, Jan. 12.

In Ranji Trophy tournament United Provinces were all out in their first innings for 426. Bengal thus winning on first innings.

BENGAL (FIRST INNINGS) 473.

U. P. (FIRST INNINGS).

Alexander lbw Bhattacharya	13
Firasat c S. Dutt b Obeidally	55
Palia c A Deb b Obeidally	53
Phansalkar b Nattal	13
Khwaja c J. Ganguli b S. Dutt	58
Moorthy run out	3
Aftab Ahmed b Nattal	23
Salim b Ramchandra	92
Wahidullah c Ganguli b Bhattacharya	55
Mahendra Singh st Dutt b S Dutt	10
Gandhi not out	15
Extras	36
Total	426

BOWLING ANALYSIS:—

	O	M	R	W
Mustafi	15	3	32	0
K. Bhattacharya	27	6	65	2
Ramchandra	31	6	88	1
Nattal	1	2	53	2
Obeidally	15	3	39	2
S. Dutt	39	10	104	2
K. Bose	6	2	9	0

Maharashtra Physical Culture Conference

JALGAON, Jan. 10.

The President of the 12th session of the Maharashtra Physical Culture Conference, Mr. M. R. Jayakar, arrived at Jalgaon this morning.

The Inter-Division Sports Tournaments were inaugurated on the 8th January by Maharaj Kumar Bhonsle. All the finals in the tournaments were decided this morning when Dr. Jayakar presided.

The tournaments have been largely patronised and there was an attendance of over 5,000.

The open session commences this evening.—A.P.

Kalyan Students' Sports

(From "Sentinel" Correspondent)

KALYAN, Jan. 10.

Along with the programme of lectures arranged by the "Kalyan Students' Union" tournaments of sports were also held. Mr. Hegde stood first and Mr. Paithankar stood second in the running race. The other tournaments were cancelled due to certain reasons.

ONLY WAY TO WIN SWARAJ

Amrit Kaur Urges Working Constructive Programme And Stresses 'Ahimsa'

(From Our Correspondent)

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) January 12.

More than ten thousand people of all castes, including women, attended the public meeting held this evening in Rahguzathbagh, Hyderabad City, on behalf of the city Khadi Prachar Sangh when Rajkumari Amrit Kaur made a fervent appeal to the people to take up the constructive programme placed before the country by Gandhiji, which alone would bring India Swaraj.

Swami Ramanand Tirth, Secretary of the Defunct State Congress, presided.

In simple but intelligible Hindi, Rajkumari exhorted the people to take up not only Gandhiji's programme of constructive work, but to take to non-violence as also work for Hindu-Muslim unity, Harijan uplift, and Khadi Prachar and referred to the decisions arrived at Bardoli at the recent meeting of the Congress Working Committee.

As regards 'Ahimsa' or non-violence, she observed the day would come after present war, when the entire world would look to India for the message of peace and also for putting an end to such devastating conflagrations and wars. Gandhiji's teachings are for allround peace and happiness not only for the people of India but for entire humanity, irrespective of colour or nationality.

BANE OF COMMUNALISM

Internal quarrels in India visible at present, she added also showed how people had been wrangling for power and in order to gain this power it was leaders, who were responsible for creating communal spirit among the masses. She, therefore, pleaded for communal harmony and hoped the people of Hyderabad would rise to expectation in establishing the same.

As regards Swaraj she thought Indians would carry on their struggle till they gained their objective, but it was not their wish to take any kind of revenge in this struggle for independence and added Indians were prepared to sacrifice their all for attaining their aim.

Swami Ramananda Tirth observed that Nationalist forces were gaining strength and would see one day that the State Congress was functioning in the near future, though today it was under orders of ban, to carry on the constructive programme and create mass consciousness. He expressed the hope when Rajkumari next visited Hyderabad they would be in a position to welcome her on behalf of the State Congress. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, who is one of the members of the Central Advisory Board of Education arrived this morning from Wardha for participation in the deliberations of the Board.

She returns to Wardha on 14th by evening train, so that she may be in time for the A.I.C.C. meeting.

SIR C. P. ACCEPTS INVITATION

Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer, Dewan, Travancore accepted the invitation of Nizam's Government for delivering the Convocation Address of the Osmania University, which comes off in February.

R. A. F. DEFIES SAND STORMS

Tripoli Raided: Fuel Fire In Agheila Area: Halfaya Bombed

CAIRO, January 12.

Today's Middle East war communique states:

"Pressure on the retreating enemy in the Agheila area was maintained yesterday despite continued bad weather. Our air forces in particular carried out most effective attacks on enemy supply columns and motor transport.

In the Halfaya area, where reduction of the isolated enemy garrison is proceeding methodically, about a hundred German and Italian prisoners of war were captured yesterday."

R. A. F. Defies Sandstorms

A Middle East R.A.F. communique states:

"Despite persistent sandstorms which have hampered operations in Libya, concentrations of enemy motor transport west of El Agheila were effectively bombed yesterday. Our aircraft also attacked a petrol store in the same area and started a large fuel fire. Fighter aircraft encountered a single Messerschmitt 109 near Jedabya and shot it down.

RAID ON TRIPOLI

R.A.F. and Free French bombers continued their raids on enemy positions at Halfaya during yesterday and on Saturday. Bombs were seen to burst near gun emplacements, dugouts and other objectives.

During Friday night bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. raided objectives at Tripoli, Buerat el Hsun and Sirte. At Tripoli bombs burst along the Spanish Mole, while at Buerat el Hsun and Sirte direct hits were obtained on stores and dumps causing fires and a series of explosions.

AXIS PLANES OVER MALTA

Enemy aircraft flew over Malta on a number of occasions yesterday as well as during Saturday day and Saturday night. Some damage was done to civilian property.

From these and other operations four of our aircraft are missing.—Reuter.

MUNICIPALITIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES

Kamaladevi On Many Object Lessons For Civic Bodies In India

(From A Correspondent.)

MANGALORE, (By Mail).

For the first time in its history the Mangalore Municipality presented a civic address on the 7th instant to one of its own citizens, Srimati Kamaladevi. There was a touch of homely pride as the Chairman read out the address before a large gathering consisting of the elite of the town. The address eulogised her services and sacrifices in the cause of freedom and described her as a pioneer in the organisation of Indian women. Particular attention was drawn to her prolonged tour of the world and glowing tributes were paid to her courage in the midst of the war panic.

Replying to the address Srimati Kamaladevi confessed to a sense of embarrassment, as it was seldom that a citizen of a town was called on to speak on its Municipality in reply to an address. She then referred to the work done by some of the great cities of the West which she visited and in whose civic administration she found many things which Indian Municipalities could copy with benefit to their wards.

She pointed out how some of these Municipalities of the West had specialised in certain particular items of social services, or public utility services, care for children, or cultural services. There were yet others which had taken upon themselves special responsibility for the physical fitness of their citizens. It was pleasant to see each day large numbers of men, women and children of all classes gather in the public parks and promenades for drill and other physical exercises. Apart from the physical health that resulted from these, they also infused a sense of harmony, unity and discipline in the people.

Municipalities in the West attached great importance to cultural work. They had their own theatres and musical concerts were arranged and community singing encouraged. The Scandinavian countries provided an object lesson. Their cities had taken the lead in many useful services. Their housing schemes were intended, no doubt, to beautify the cities, but to them beauty consisted in providing proper and adequate housing accommodation to all citizens, no matter what their position might be.

In Tokio, the Municipality ran a Marriage Bureaux. These Bureaux make efforts to settle in life destitute women whose social position and poverty put them at a disadvantage. These Bureaux not only found husbands, but defrayed marriage expenses and gave marriage parties. Srimati Kamaladevi said that what she had said was an outline of what was being done by Municipalities in other countries. Indian Municipalities could emulate their example in many respects.

SETTLEMENT WITH INDIA QUESTION OF LIFE AND DEATH

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just as important that it should be stoutly manned in your own homes, and in your own hearts and minds, as in the deserts of Libya or the jungle of Malaya.'

Mr. Satyamurthi says:—"Very sincere and noble words but coming from a Governor-General, who will not or cannot share his special responsibility for the Defence of India with the tallest Indian, these words sound hollow.

What magnificent response may these words find in every Indian home and heart, were they uttered by an Indian Prime Minister or a Commander-in-Chief.

President Roosevelt is now Mr. Churchill's friend. He told the people of the Philippines last week: "I give to the people of the Philippines my solemn pledge that their freedom will be redeemed and their independence established and protected. The entire resources in men and material of the United States stand behind that pledge. It is not for me, or for the people of this country to tell you where your duty lies. We are engaged in a great and common cause. I count on every Phillippino man, woman and child, to do his duty and, we will do ours.'

He (Roosevelt wants to defeat Japan. He knows or ought to know that without the help of a free India freely given, his object may not be secured. Will he tell Mr. Churchill to say the same words to India? He may or may not. Mr. Churchill may listen or may not. But India's conscience is clear. Even in this eleventh hour she has offered her help. If Britain will not do her duty, the world will acquit India now and always. As for India, if only we are true and brave, we will survive and get our freedom," concluded Mr. Satyamurthi.—A. P.

BOMBAY HINDI VIDYAPEETH: The ensuing Hindi examinations of Bombay Hindi Vidyapeeth will be held on Feb. 15, 1942. Application forms, which can be had free of charge in the office of Bombay Hindi Vidyapeeth, Marwari Vidyalaya Bhavan, Sandhurst Road, 1st Floor, Bombay, or Hindi Pustak Bhandar, Heerabag, C. P. Tank, Girgaon, Bombay, should be submitted on or before January 15, 1942.

Cases Of Madras Detenus

Mahajan Sabha Demands At Least Two Judges And Legal Aid

MADRAS, Jan. 12.

The decision of the Government to refer the cases of political detenus to a judge of the High Court is welcomed by the Executive Committee of the Madras Mahajana Sabha, which in a resolution passed in this connection expressed the opinion that the procedure contemplated is inadequate to carry out the object in view.

It urges on the Government that the ends of justice would not be met unless the tribunal is composed of at least two judges, detenus given facilities to appear in person before the tribunal and be represented by counsel and allowed to lead evidence against the allegations against them.—A.P.

SARDAR AND BHULABHAI LEAVE FOR WARDHA

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai, members of the Congress Working Committee, left for Wardha on Monday evening by the Nagpur Mail in connection with the meetings of the Working Committee and All-India Congress Committee.

Srimati Kamaladevi who arrived in the city on Monday morning, also left by the same train for Wardha where she will participate in the deliberations of the National Executive of the Congress Socialist Party.

A large number of Congressmen, including officials of the B.P.C.C., were present at the Victoria Terminus Station to see the leaders off.

'C. R.' And Sarojini Naidu At Wardha

WARDHA, Jan. 12.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar and Mrs. Sarojini Naidu arrived here this morning.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Mr. Rajagopalachariar, Dr Rajendra Prasad, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Mr. Kripalani saw Mhatma Gandhi in the afternoon.

The Congress Working Committee meets here to-morrow morning. All arrangements for the A.I.C.C. session are now complete.—A. P.

Punjab Case Against Meher Ali

LAHORE, January 12.

Prosecution evidence was recorded in the case against Mr. Yusuf Meherally, General Secretary of the All-India Congress Socialist Party, for defying the externment order of the Punjab Government asking him to leave the Punjab within twelve hours.

Mr. Meherally in a statement before the Court characterised the order as "at once unjust, unreasonable, unnecessary and a grave breach of the most elementary civil liberties. He described the order as "defective and bad in law" as "there was no train which could take him out of the Province within twelve hours". —United Press

LUCKNOW STUDENTS' PROTEST AGAINST MEHERALLY'S ARREST

LUCKNOW, Jan. 12.

A meeting of the Lucknow Students' Council passed resolutions protesting against the arrest of Mr. Yusuf Meherally and deciding to observe January 14 as the 'Gauhati Students' Day'. Lucknow Students' Convention will be held in the second week of February and Mrs. Pandit has been requested to preside over it.—A.P.

Students' Attitude Towards War Efforts

PATNA, January 12.

Resolutions criticising the decision of the Faruqui Group of the Indian Students' Federation in regard to war efforts and calling upon the office-bearers of the Federation to resign forthwith and seek re-election on the basis of the new policy were passed at a students' meeting held here last night.

By another resolution, the meeting referred to the present political situation and opined that only a free India could give all aids to the oppressed countries as often reiterated by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.—United Press.

Punjab Communist Arrested

NEW DELHI, Jan. 12.

Sondhi Mahendra Singh, a Punjab Communist, was arrested today at Delhi Railway Station on the strength of a warrant issued by the Punjab Government about two and a half years ago. A reward of Rs. 500 had also been announced by that Government for his arrest.

Mahendra Singh will be taken to Lahore to-night.—United Press.

Congress Shouldn't Blunder

SAMBALPUR, Jan. 10.

In a statement to the press on the question of office acceptance, Mr. Bodh Ram Dube, ex-Minister of Orissa says:—

"The Congress accepted office to wreck the constitution framed in pursuance of the Government of India Act, 1935 and it has succeeded. Some of our friends are now striving to create an opinion that the Congress should resume office over again. But I find no reason why Congress would accept office while the same constitution continues to function. So long as this constitution works it is hardly possible to do any good to the country or to the constituencies we represent. If Congress decides to accept office without any change in the present constitution and I am called upon to join the cabinet as before, I would refuse to collaborate with it. In my humble opinion, Congress made a mistake in accepting office. If it decides to do so again it will commit an irremediable serious blunder".—A. P.

No 'Dhoti-Wearers' For Silver Jubilee

Indian Architects' Ban Evokes Protest From Members

Quite a sensation has been caused in city circles by the circular issued by the Silver Jubilee Celebrations Committee of the Indian Institute of Architects concerning dress rules to be observed by members for the forthcoming Jubilee. The first rule runs that members will not be allowed to appear in dhoties on that occasion, and some sartorial codes are prescribed. The Indian Institute of Architects is a cosmopolitan All-India organisation with members and member architect firms scattered throughout India. City architects are surprised how it can be termed 'Indian Institute of Architects' when dhoti is banned for members who are bound to gather in large numbers for the Jubilee celebrations.

If Mahatma Gandhi could visit the Viceroy's House and Buckingham Palace and new Members of the Viceroy's Council can appear in 'dhoti', why this ban for a professional and cosmopolitan organisation? Some members have notified their protest to the Institute, even threatening resignation and interesting developments are likely.

THE CIRCULAR

The following is the text of the circular:—

"At the meeting of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations Committee held on 2nd January, 1942, the question of Indian style dress was considered and the following decision was unanimously arrived at:

1. Dhoties will not be allowed.
2. Lounge suits will not be allowed.
3. Long coat and trousers with suitable head-dress are permissible.
4. Black long-coat and black trousers will be preferable but otherwise black long-coat and white trousers or white long coat and white trousers should be worn.

In each case suitable headdress will be necessary."

LETTER OF PROTEST

D. G. Karanjgaokar, A.R.I.B.A., has addressed the following letter of protest to the Jt. Hon. Secretaries, Silver Jubilee Celebrations Committee:—

"Sirs,—I have before me your circular dated 5th instant giving therein the decision arrived at the last meeting of your Committee held on 2nd instant and am very much pained to see the bar you have put on wearing dhoties.

As an Indian, I feel ashamed to receive such a circular from an Institution which has derived its nomenclature from India, and which is founded and run in the premier city of India where only a couple of years back were a whole cabinet of ministers 'wearing dhoties' and conducting the affairs of the Government and also having discussions with the Governor. I am very sorry to remark that the deliberations of your Committee seem to have been governed by two main factors, firstly an inherent lack of human psychology and secondly an inferiority complex seems to have been the main background of your proceedings. It is a well-known fact that we are deprived of our independence in many spheres of life, but for your Committee to take upon itself the onerous duty of dictating even in the mode of one's apparel is a thing that cannot be brooked.

Perhaps you are not aware that there are nearly 300 million people in India wearing dhoties. I may inform you that even higher dignatories and Institutions than yours have taken no objection to persons attending their functions in dhoties. As an instance, I can quote the Institution of Engineers to whose functions there were no restrictions whatsoever. If Gandhiji could have had his tete-a-tete with His late Majesty the King George V in Buckingham Palace and his deliberations with His Excellency the Viceroy carried out in dhoti; if the Congress Ministries could have administered eight provinces in India wearing dhoties; if Mr. Satyamurti, M.L.A. (Central), could address the Rotary Club, a world-wide organization, as the Guest of Honour, in dhoti; if the leaders of this vast sub-continent could address huge gatherings and functions in dhoties, I wonder how your Silver Jubilee Celebrations would be demeaned by persons attending the same in dhoties?

I think all the members constituting the Indian Institute of Architects could be categorised as intelligentsia, and I do not know how many will submit to your restrictions, and thereby stifle their independence even in the elementary matter of their dressing. However, if I am the only recalcitrant to voice an opinion against your decision, I am proud of it. Or if there are some more people of my line of thinking, you would do well to see your way to rescind the objection in dressing and allow people to attend the functions according to their fancy.

Last but not the least, please note that as a member of the Indian Institute of Architects and taking the privilege as such, I would be attending the functions in dhoti."

ORISSA STANDS BY MAHATMA

Non-Violence, Only Way To World Peace And Real Democracy

CUTTACK, Jan. 12.

The Orissa Provincial Congress Committee last night passed a resolution (by 30 to 16 votes) for favouring extension of the scope of non-violence for the country's defence.

The resolution states: "The Committee has noted from the resolution of the Working Committee that the Congress Working Committee does not believe that the Congress can follow to the fullest extent the application of non-violence by Mahatma Gandhi for the defence of India from foreign aggression and in all other spheres.

ONLY WAY

The Committee believes that in the situation that has been created to-day and in view of the highest development of the technique of the present violent war, real democracy and world peace can be established only through non-violence. The Committee feels that the time has come for the application of non-violence in the sphere of defence to prove its efficacy, and India, which has experimented in the application of non-violence for the last twenty years, is the only country which can show the way.

Therefore the Committee is of the opinion that the Congress should extend the application of non-violence to the sphere of defence under the guidance of Mahatma Gandhi and assures the Working Committee that it will have the full support and co-operation of the Orissa Provincial Congress Committee, if the Working Committee decides to follow the above course.—A.P.

DEMAND OF SUGAR CANE GROWERS

Pt. Jawaharlal's Appeal

ALLAHABAD, January 11.

The Council of the U.P. Provincial Congress Committee passed a resolution suggesting that the price of sugarcane should be about eight annas per maund which should further be raised if the price of sugar is raised.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has issued the following statement in this connection:—

"The Council of the U.P.C.C., have passed what I consider, a very moderate and reasonable resolution about the sugar situation and the demand of the cane growers. In the existing circumstances I think that even a higher price than that suggested is justified. I think this matter affecting as it does vast numbers of people is of importanc even in these days or ever developing war crisis. The cane growere deserve sympathy and help from the public quite apart from political considerations. The Government of the day has not shown much intelligence or competence in dealing with the situation and their representatives in Gorakhpur District have certainly not covered themselves with glory. I am told that the cane growers' agitation for better prices does not meet with favour with these representatives and it is possible that after their usual manner they might try to suppress it. That will, of course, be highly improper and will make the situation worse. I hope narrow politics will not be imported into this essentially economic question. Not only Congressmen but others should support the cane growers in their demand and make it clear that Governmental interference against them will be resented."—A. P.

Pandit Pant For Wardha

NEW DELHI, Jan. 12.

Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, who arrived here last night from Meerut, left this morning for Wardha.—A. P.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

As expected and anticipated, RKO'S Director, Leon Britton gives his point of view on THE BATTLE FOR BRITAIN. This is what he says:

"It is not my intention to enter into any newspaper controversy but in view of the letter which appeared in your "Half Column" under date of the 10th instant, I feel that certain points mentioned therein need clarification.

First—the letter of Messrs. Newbery of Fox and Jones of MGM may lead readers to infer that they were the only distributors that were approached or supplied footage for BATTLE FOR BRITAIN. Almost all the American Film distributors including RKO were approached for certain footage to be used in propaganda shorts. When we as well as other distributors gave the required footage we did so without reservation or reference as to how it should be released. How could any distributor advise his home office that any such film which includes any of their footage would not have competitive distribution without first getting the consent of all distributors who furnished equally as valuable footage for the same subject—especially when the F. A. B. shorts are screened in three cinemas simultaneously as most of the F. A. B. films have been released? It must be competitive as no Distributor has three of his own features running at the same time in the three first run houses in Bombay.

Second—That "RKO applied to the F. A. B. for permission to release this film throughout India with their own film THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH"—a March of Time feature production—is a mis-statement of fact—Neither RKO nor the writer applied for this permission. We were approached to couple BATTLE FOR BRITAIN with THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH and our letter to the Film Advisory Board confirms the conversation the writer had when first approached—My request for exclusive release was made when I knew that Fox and Metro—both members of the Film Advisory Board had previously been given exclusive release of F. A.B. shorts. When told that I could not get exclusive India release I was offered exclusive Bombay release with the showing of THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH which I gladly accepted—The mere fact that the print of BATTLE FOR BRITAIN was sent to us for screening at the press showing of THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH on Tuesday January 6th substantiates my claim—Our letter to the F. A. B. made further mention of the fact that if exclusive release was given to us the picture would not run in three different cinemas during the same week—a method of distribution which has on several occasions been adversely commented upon.

RKO has equally valuable material in BATTLE FOR BRITAIN as any other Distributor and when the suggestion was made to us that this short subject was ideal for linking with an ANTI-AXIS subject as great as THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH we willingly agreed to lend our best efforts to aid the Government War Propaganda Department. This was confirmed in our letter to the F. A. B. dated January 5, 1942.

As far as commercialism is concerned, RKO make no charge for the short subject and if it is to be claimed that we were releasing same on a commercial basis, may I ask, how about other F. A. B. subjects which were given exclusively to Fox and MGM? Certainly they coupled them with their own features and no claim of commercialism was raised by any other distributor. As stated both Fox and MGM are members of the Film Advisory Board.

Another point I would like to have cleared up especially since RKO is one of the many companies donating film for propaganda purposes free of charge is—how is it that this particular subject which was completed some months or so has been lying idle in the film vaults unreleased excepting in the vernacular?—No mention of its release in the English version was made until RKO happened to be called into the picture. I might further state that we offered to place additional prints of BATTLE FOR BRITAIN with some of our big features such as Disney and Samuel Goldwyn Feature productions in order to get broader and quicker distribution—the publicity of which would at all times have included BATTLE FOR BRITAIN.

To answer the question you ask at the foot of your column, may I say that THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH will open at the New Empire Theatre on the 16th instant and if the Film Advisory Board still choose to send a print of BATTLE FOR BRITAIN to the New Empire Theatre for screening with THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH I certainly have no objecton as we made no reservation as to its release when donating our footage to the Defence Government of India with sincere desire to aid the Government War Propaganda Department.

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DEADLOCK IN COTTON MARKET

Protest Against E. I. Cotton Association Board's Decision

About 60 members of the East India Cotton Association have addressed the following letter to the Chairman of the Association:—

The hedge contracts as they stand appear to be bearish. The only check on bears is penalty for non-delivery upto due date, for, otherwise the bears can break the market to the lowest possible limit.

There are some bears who have sold blanks enormously without having any cotton in stock with them and yet no steps are being taken to check them. On the other hand some parties who have purchased Oomra cotton for December/January 1942 delivery feel aggrieved at this attitude of the rate committee in fixing the daily rates thereof. The Daily Rates Committee is increasing day by day basis for C. P. No. 1 and C. P. No. 2 which is injurious to the buyers of Oomras. The spot rate is lowered down in a systematic manner every day. The Rates Committee put Rupees 2 down one day Rs. 4 down next day, Rs. 6 down on third and abruptly Rs. 10 down on the fourth day. Over and above this it has come to our notice that at yesterday's Board's meeting, it is decided to abolish the penalty, which the seller has to pay to the buyers by reason of his failure to deliver the goods and to approach the Government for its sanction.

If this may be true then it will be a disaster for all the bullish factors in cotton trade for ever.

You must have marked the attitude of the members of the Association in this connection, from the atmosphere prevailing in cotton market to-day.

We understand that the Board has, as stated above, passed a resolution but we fail to understand why this resolution is hurriedly forwarded to the Government for their sanction, without taking the sense of the general meeting of the members of the Association as is generally done.

In view of the terrible decline in export of cotton owing to the present situation the market is as you are aware continuously hammered by the bears. Are any steps, to your knowledge, taken by your Board to check them?

Will the Board, inform the members, which extraordinary circumstances have prompted them to remove the penalty, which is the only check on blank sales.

MAIN NEEDS OF LITERACY

"The only industry that thrived in India under the foreign administration is the industry of inflation of population. And the attempts by the Government to enforce compulsory education was like the blindman searching a black cap, in a dark room, which was not there. Literacy can be attained by giving, at least four years' training to children from the age of 7 till the attainment of the 11th year at the average rate of 3 hours per day," said Mr. J. P. Naik, while explaining the three aspects of compulsory education and the main difficulties confronting its achievement, at the St. Xaviers' High School Hall on Monday evening, when Mrs. Hansa Mehta presided.

After dilating on the three aspects he said compulsory education was needed more for girls than for boys. On the other hand compulsion was directed more towards boys than girls.

It was late Mr. G. K. Gokhale, who first attempted to have the Compulsory Education Act in the year 1910 and tried to introduce a bill in 1911.

He found how the foreign Government was unwilling to support his view on the ground that India was not yet ripe for any expansion on voluntary basis. Another cause put forward was that the cost would be so heavy that it would not be possible for Government to introduce it.

It was later proposed that Government should permit the Municipality or Local Board to introduce compulsory education. He explained how the officials opposed the bill.

He briefly outlined five factors that contributed to the attainment of literacy among children. He said the main difficulty was purely economical, which could be solved by the adjustment of the time of the children of agricultural classes to the needs of the family.

CHINESE BANNER FOR A.-I. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Madame Chiang-Kai-Shek's Present Through Kamaladevi

ALLAHABAD, Jan. 11.

The Provincial branches of the All-India Women's Conference propose shortly to organise camps for the training of women volunteers, who after completion of the course of training, will take up the programme of work decided at the Cocanada session of the conference. Paid workers may also be appointed for the purpose. The U. P. camp may be started in Allahabad or some other central place.

The half-yearly meeting of the All-India Women's Confernece will be held at Srinagar, where the venue of the next annual session of the Conference will be decided.

Mrs. Vijeyalaxmi Pandit, President of the Cocanada session of the All-India Women's Conference, was recipient of a hundred year-old sari from her host at Cocanada, Maharaja of Pithapuram. The sari was spun by the grandmother of the Maharaja.

A Chinese banner has been sent by Madame Chiang-Kai-Shek to the All-India Women's Conference through Mrs. Kamaladevi.—A.P.

Apportionment Of A. R. P. Expenditure

NEW DELHI: January 12.

A conference to further discuss the question relating to the allocation of A.R.P. expenditure between the Centre and the Provinces, it is learned, has been called to meet here on Monday, January 19. Sir Jeremy Raisman, Finance Member, Government of India, is expected to preside.

Among the Provincial Ministers who are expected to attend are: Khan Bahadur Allah Baksh, Premier and Finance Minister of Sind; Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee, Finance Minister, Bengal and Sir Manoharlal, Finance Minister, Punjab.

Other Provinces are expected to be represented by officers of the Finance Department.—A. P.

Bombay Choral And Philharmonic Society's Concert

The Choral and Philharmonic Society, though still in its infancy, is well established and is now a regular feature in the city's musical life. The formation of a choir is undoubtedly difficult, and Bombay does not boast of overwhelming talent in that direction. It may be easy to make disparaging remarks of early attempts, but judging by yesterday evening's concert, the Society has shown remarkable progress during its short career.

Though the Orchestra seems to lack cohesion at times, it gave a good account of itself, particularly in Bantock's "English Scenes" and in Haydn Wood's "Virginia". The selection of pieces that are not oft-repeated concert items, is a step in the right direction, and a sensible change from past programmes.

Though the male voices showed considerable improvement, the perfect blending of male and female voices has still to be achieved, though in Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus they came very near to it. Some of the voices are still too individual, as could clearly be discerned in the unaccompanied "You Stole My Love" (Macfarren).

The Sextet from "Lucia di Lammermoor" might have been better, but for some discordant notes. The best sung items of the evening were the Hallelujah Chorus and the popular "Il Bacio," both of which went off with a verve and lilt—Miss Maneck Bamboat rendering the solo part of the latter exceedingly well. A little more attention to selections of this type which suit the voices of the choir, would add to the effect of the concert and its appreciation.

The concluding item, Wagner's "Tanhaeuser" March was well handled by the Orchestra, and the Brass did exceedingly well; the Choir combined well with the Orchestra on the whole, though it was a bit of a race on one occasion for the voices to catch up with the Orchestra.

In spite of the minor shortcomings referred to here the concert on the whole was good and we look forward to the next with anticipatory pleasure.

Mr. Pranjpye Of Parle Arrested

(From Our Correspondent)

VILE PARLE: January 12.

Mr. Paranjpe of the Bank and Silver Company, who has become well-known in the Marjan Cremation ground dispute was arrested along with his son Babusheth Paranjpe at his Parle residence by the Santa Cruz Sub-Inspector on Monday morning on the complaint lodged by Mr. Kakusheth Reshamwalla.

It is alleged by the complainant that Mr. Paranjpe, the proprietor of a leased land, wrongfully detained and threatened Mr. Reshamwalla with consequences; if he entered the leased land wherein he has some plantations. It is also alleged that Mr. Paranjpe had ordered for a fencing to be put up to prevent the entry of the complainant.

Both the father and the son were released on a bail of Rs. 1,000.

STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEES.

NEW DELHI, Jan. 12.

It is learned that the budget meeting of the Standing Finance Committee for Railways will be held here on January 30 and 31. Mr. T. S. Sankara Aiyer, Financial Commissioner, will preside. Meetings of the Standing Finance Committee of the Central Legislative Assembly, it is learned, will be held here on February 9 and 10. The Finance Member, Sir Jeremy Raisman, will preside.—A. P.

The first complete black-out was practised at Saharanpur on Saturday night.

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES.

MARCH

New York: January 12.

Previous closing 17.88
To-day's opening 18.13
Difference ..... +25

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York: January 12.

Following are the New York opening ranges:—

New York cotton cable not received.
March 18.14/15
May 18.32/31
July 18.45/43

LONDON COMMODITIES.

London: January 12.

SEEDS

Castorseeds Jan/Feb (£20 3/4 sellers) £20 3/4
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta Jan/Feb (£20 3/4 sellers) £20 3/4
Linseed La Plata Jan/Feb (£15 5/8 sellers) £15 5/8
Groundnut Coromandal Coast Jan/Feb (£19 3/8 sellers) £19 3/8

JUTES

Dundee October/November unquoted
Lightning October/November unquoted

RUBBER

Spot unquoted
Forward December unquoted

LONDON METALS

Tin not quoted.
Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA: January 12.

The Stock Exchange ruled steady after the week-end and a moderate business was put through all roung.

The following are closing quotations:—

Govt. Securities: 3 per cent Govt. Paper 82/4 s o l, 3 per cent Defence Loan 1949/52 98/3 s lots, 3 1/2 per cent Govt. Paper 94/12 s lot, 3 per cent Punjab 1952 97/8, 4 per cent Loan 1943 103 c t, 5 per cent Loan 1945-55 108/2 c t.

Banks: Imperial Bank conty 386 ct.

Cottons: Basanti 5, Cawnpore Textiles 8/11, Mohini Rs. 25, paid up 38, New Victoria ord 4/14 ex-div.

Coal: Bengal 377.

Jutes: Adamjee 26 ex-div, Albion pref 162/8, Agarpara 38/4, Anglo-India 333, Baliy 231/8, Budge-Budge 350 s lot, Clive 22/10, Champdany 177 s lot, Caledonian pref 168/8, Empire 27/4, Gourepore 674 s lot, India 335, Kamarhatty 471, Lochlan pref 165/8, Megna 57/8, National 22/12, New Central 302, Nuddea 58/4, Presidency 5, Reliance 53/4.

Miscellaneous: Assam Bengal Cement ord 12/14, Dalmia Cement pref 120, Dalmia Cement ord 13/6, Dalmia Cement Defd 3/10, Alkali and Chemical ord 20/13, Jessop and Co ord 18/14, Steel Corpn pref 110, B I Corpn ord 4/15, Sree Gopal Paper 14/14 s lot, Titaghur Paper 19/9, Ramnugger Cane and Sugar 11/2.

Tea Shares: Bishnauth 27/4, Oodlabari 27/8, Patrakola 1000.

Debentures: 6 per cent 1935/45 Calcutta Jute Debs 101/8, 6 per cent Mohini Mills Debs 101, 3 1/4 per cent 1956/66 Howrah Bridge Debentures 98.—A. P.

MADRAS TELEPHONES AND GOVT. PURCHASE OF SHARES

NEW DELHI, January 12.

It is learned that the Government Telephone Board has now purchased the entire stock of shares held by the Oriental Telephone Company in the Madras Telephone Company at Rs. 14-8-0 per share, which is the price the Board has originally offered. The shares so acquired constitute 53 per cent of the total shares of the Company. Under the Company Act, 75 per cent of the shares have to be acquired by the Board before the remaining shares can be compulsorily bought and the Company becomes state-owned and state-managed.—A. P.

Outlaw's Supporters Arrested

PESHAWAR, January 12.

The Bannu police have arrested a number of supporters of the Outlaw, Gul Nawaz. They are Asghar Ali, brother of Gul Nawaz of village Manduri, Hesradin Shah, Mir Ahmed Khan, Mulla Gul Manan Bahadur brother of Gul Nawaz and Sher Jan of Kotka Allahabad in Surani area. —A. P.

Telephone Wires Damaged

PESHAWAR, January 12.

A report from Waziristan states that on the Mir Ali-Razmak Road telephone wires were damaged between miles 35 and 41 on December 30. Earlier a similar breakdown was reported from the same place.—A. P.

ESCAPED ITALIAN OFFICERS RECAPTURED

MADRAS, Jan. 12.

Two Italian officers, who had escaped from a war prisoners' camp some time ago, were recaptured near Shimoga and handed over to the military authorities, according to a Shimoga message. —A.P.

Six Motor Vehicles Gutted

KARUR, Jan. 11.

Six motor vehicles, three buses, two cars and a lorry were burnt down in a fire that broke out in a motor shed last night. The shed was completely gutted and some of the motor accessories and tyres kept there were also destroyed.—A.P.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES.

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York: January 12.

Previous closing 4.03 3/4
To-day's opening 4.03 3/4

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London: January 12.

Previous closing ..... 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening ..... 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing ..... 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

LONDON BULLION.

LONDON GOLD

London: January 12.

London Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0

LONDON SILVER

London: January 12.

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d nil
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 9/16d +1/16

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-c) 1-9
Paris on Bombay not quoted
New York on Milan not quoted
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36
London on Shanghai unavailable.
London on Kobe not quoted

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent

BULLION AND SEEDS

Bombay, January 12

There was no trading during night session.

3 1/2 PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London: January 12.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 13/16

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

London: January 12.

5 per cent 1958/69 £101 1/4

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £82 7/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £107 1/4
2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £100
4 per cent Funding Loan £115
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £105 3/16
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £101 5/8
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds £114 5/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 17-0
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 38-6
Electric Music Industry 14-10
Princhin Johnson 21-7
Imperial Chemical 33-3
Woolsworth New Ordinary 60-3
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £76
Dundee 324
Unilever Ordinary 31-0
Ford Motors 25-4
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £69
British American Tobacco Ordinary £4 1/4
Carreas 'A' £5 5/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 2132
P and O Defd 28-7
Distillers 74-0
Bredfords Dye 10-3
British Celtanese 7-9
J and P Coates 38-9
Courtaulds Ordinary 35-10
Fine Cotton Spinners 7-3
Vickers Limited Ordinary 17-3
Inter Nickel dol 43 1/8
Indian Iron 48-1

TEA SHARES

Assam 16-10
Donaro Tea 30-0
Empire of India 17-6

JUTE

Barnagore £9

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber 14-1
Gula Kelampong 11-3
Rubber Plant Inv Trust 20-0

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 18-9
Burma Corporation 5-9
Rio Tintos £7 3/4
East Rand Properties £2 1/8
Rand Mines £16 7/8

MINE SHARES

Crown £9 7/8
Associated Portland Cement 52-6
Trinidad Leasehold 70-0
Sub Nigel £7 3/16
Spring Mines Split Shares £1 9/32
Union Corporation 152-6

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 37-6
Anglo-India 48-9
Burma Oil £2 5/8
Mexican Eagle 12-0
Shell Transport £2 9/16
Royal Dutch £20

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £44 3/4
London Midland Ordinary £18
London North Eastern Defd £2 5/16
London Southern Defd £15 1/2
London Transport 5 per cent £128
London Transport £40

New York Stock Exchange

New York: January 12.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

General Motors (dol 37 3/8) dol 31 3/4
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 25 7/8) dol 26 7/8
United States Steel Common (dol 52 5/8) dol 53 1/4
United States Steel Preference (dol 119 1/2) dol 117 7/8

Imperial Bank Of India

INTERIM DIVIDEND

CALCUTTA: January 12.

The Directors of the Imperial Bank of India, at a meeting of the Central Board, held here to-day, declared a dividend to shareholders for the half-year ended 31st December 1941, at the rate of 12 per cent per annum, payable on and after the 19th January, 1942.

The profits available, including Rs. 45,61,900 brought forward from the previous half-year, amounted approximately to Rs. 80,16,900, which sum was disposed of as follows:—

Payment of a dividend of 12 per cent per annum free of incometax Rs. 33,75,000. Transferred to Pension Funds Rs. 1,12,900. Carried Forward to next half-year Rs. 45,29,000. Total Rs. 80,16,900.

The average rate for demand loans during the half-year was 3.1/2 per cent.

Madras Share Market

MADRAS: January 12.

The market opened fairly steady and fairing enquiry was slightly better. Securities were firm.

Transactions reported from Saturday noon to 12 noon to-day:—

Cambodia 10/12, Radha Krishna 202, 203/8, Vasantha Ordinary 144, 145, Coimbatore Cotton 150, Mettur Industries 160, Raja Lakshmi 100, 97/8, 97, Madura 38, Sitaram Spinning 90, Buckingham Ordinary 251, Vaikundoms 11/12, Tropical 27/8, Kalpetta 21, Midland 7/3, 7/4, 7/2, Woodland 8/6 c d, Thirumbadi Stock 2 c d, Coorg Rubber 34, Rajagiri 7/8, Mysore Chemical and Fertilizers 17, Spencer "B" Preference 10/8 c d, Spencers Ordinary 6/5, Hubli Electricity Co. 53/8 54.

The Stock Exchange will remain closed on Tuesday and Wednesday due to local holidays.

The Indian Jute Mills' Association has received an order through the Government of India for 20 million sandbags. Delivery will be in two equal monthly instalments, ten million in February and ten million in March. The price fixed is Rs. 11-12-0 per hundred bags F.A.S. or F.O.R.

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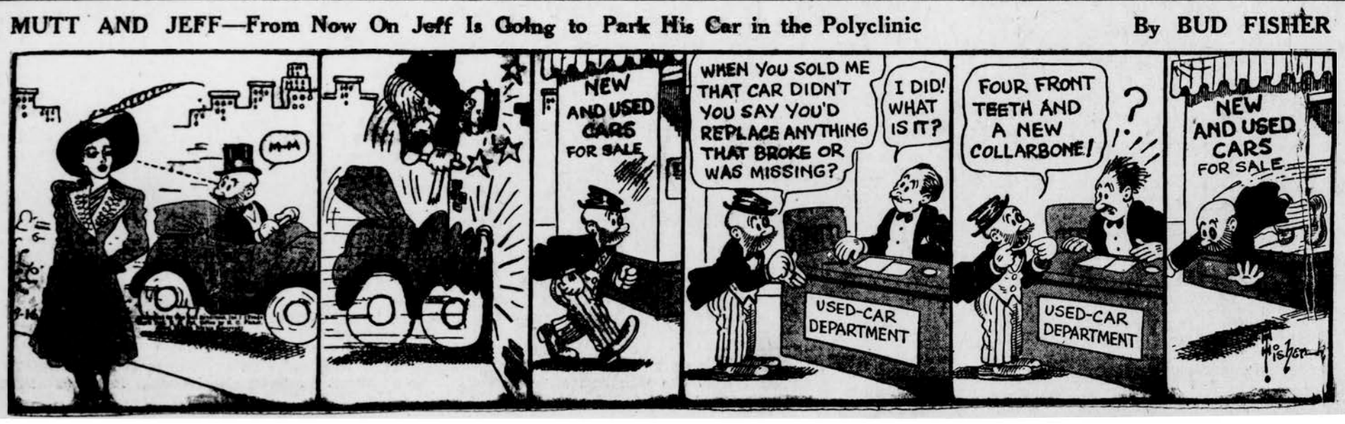
MUTT AND JEFF—From Now On Jeff Is Going to Park His Car in the Polyclinic By BUD FISHER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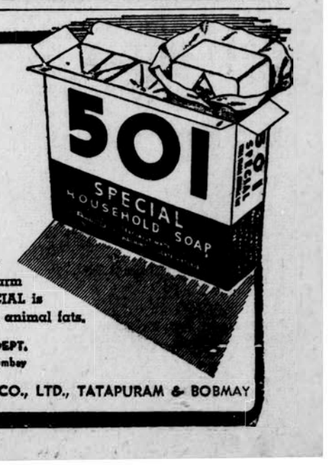

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TRADE AND SPECULATIVE BUYING IN N. Y. COTTON

Demand For Increasing Parity Land

HEDGING AND PROFIT-TAKING

Bombay, January 12

On Saturday, the New York cotton market was again firm with active trade and speculative buying and prices advanced about 19 points, thereafter there was heavy hedge selling and general profit-taking and the market closed very steady.

In this country the interest of cotton growers is neglected as will be seen from the disparity of Indian cotton prices which is about 1000 point under New York. The New York cotton market was influenced on Saturday by the Farm Bloc vesting Mr. Wickard with veto powers over agriculturals and there was an additional demand for increasing parity level.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton market opened at a rise of 4 points with March quoted at 17.90. There was active trade buying and speculative support which hardened March to 18.05. This was the highest level for the day and later prices declined on increased hedging and liquidation. March reached 17 points at 17.88 from the highest level and the session closed at a net decline of 4 points to a rise of 7 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 4 points at 19.36c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was very steady and closed at a rise of 7 to 9 points. Spot cotton prices gained 9 points at 18.49c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

Yesterday's release were 8,400 bales Indian Oomra, Sind and Bengal arriving and 3,300 American ex-store. The Cotton Association President reports the controller favours abolition of the dual control. Hence the present semi-official distribution company may be replaced by authorising certain nucleus spinners to organise distribution of raw cotton. The controller favours payment of commission for services rendered instead of a block grant.

N. Y. WEEKLY REVIEW

After touching new highs, enthusiasm was cooled by the unexpected Commodity Credit Corporation announcement offering to sell loan stocks. However, with stocks culled for lease and lend and barter shipments, it is doubted whether sufficient quantities of desirable grades remain to alleviate shortage sales to Canada under the export subsidy upto January 2 totalled 178,000 bales. Trading in 1941 loan equities is more active at 16 to 16 dollars per bale above loan rates. Irregularity is expected at present. Cotton goods quiet with mills awaiting definite Washington news about forthcoming Government contracts.

LOCAL SITUATION

Messrs. Anandilal Podar and Co. state:—On Saturday, market was officially open but no trading was done. Why? Various explanations were offered over December/January Oomra contract and removal of its penalty but we are least interested in any controversy. Nevertheless, our primary interest is in safeguarding the welfare of farmers and consumers alike. From that point of view, it has been our long tradition to disapprove on principle any bull or bear "corners" which go to create sudden upheavals in the market and unnecessary suffering to farmers and the traders. Because, wherever, such squeezes proved partially successful in the past, they have enriched very few but led them into final disaster from their swollen heads. That makes us to take a detached and dispassionate view of matters and be over the surface of conflicting interests.

Now, let us turn to market factors of current politics and finance. The latest Far Eastern war reports are not encouraging but this is what the despatch from the Siberian military area to the Russian army newspaper "Red Star" says: "Commanders and men of the Siberian army know that the hour is not far off when the task of dealing a new crushing blow to the Fascist hordes will be assigned to them." Momentarily, we deplore unnecessary nervousness and firmly believe with the closest co-operation of America and other allied nations, eventually the enemy will be smashed and routed. In the latter case, many people are now relegating the prospective budget, which should in normal time, prove to be an important affair. The Government of India's published figures for last 8 months of revenues and expenditures coupled with the recent loan subscription are generally gratifying and though some increase in taxation looks possible but it does not appear to be heavy. On the other hand, the continued heavy demand on industries and their reasonable earnings together with the revived demand for Indian commodities, such as linseed, groundnuts and cotton support the hopes that with any favourable war reports, the present drooping sentiment will soon change into optimism.

PRIVATE CABLES—
New York March highest
(10-44 a.m.) ..... 18.05+19
New York March lowest
(12 noon) ..... 17.88+02

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—
New York: Trade and local buying. Market very steady.

LONDON BULLION MARKET

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co. have issued the following report dated London, November 3:—

GOLD

The amount of gold held in the Issue Department of the Bank of England during the month of October, 1941, was unaltered at £241,575.

The Bank of England's buying price for gold remained unchanged at 168s per fine ounce at which figure the above amount was calculated.

The Transvaal gold output for September 1941 amounted to 1,203,353 fine ounces, as compared with 1,212,708 fine ounces for August 1941 and 1,166,152 fine ounces for September 1940.

SILVER

Prices remained unchanged at 23 1/2d for cash and 23 7/16d for two months' delivery until October 20th when, as the result of the carrying forward of bull contracts, there was a rise of 1/16d in the forward quotation; this was the first movement seen since August 28th last and brought quotations level at 23 1/2d., at which they remained for the rest of the month.

Trade buying on a moderate scale has continued and there has also been some bear covering; the market found offerings scanty and demand for the most part was satisfied by silver made available by the official quarter.

LINSEED AND WHEAT

Bombay, January 12.

Linseed May	.....	9 4 3
Wheat January	.....	5 13 9
Wheat May	.....	6 15 6

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, January 12

Yellow metal sheets	.....	Rs. 97 0 0
Copper sheets	.....	Rs. 103 0 0

Tone:—Irregular.

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, January 12

Groundnuts February—		
Opening	..... Rs.	44 6 0
Highest	.....	44 15 6
Lowest	.....	44 6 0
Closing	.....	44 15 0
Cottonseeds May—		
Opening	.....	45 2 0
Highest	.....	45 8 0
Lowest	.....	44 15
Closing	.....	45 8 0
Cottonseeds January—		
Opening	.....	26 10 0
Highest	.....	26 4 6
Lowest	.....	26 10 0
Closing	.....	27 2 0
Cottonseeds May—		
Opening	.....	24 14 0
Higrest	.....	25 4 6
Lowest	.....	24 14 0
Closing	.....	25 4 0
Castorseeds May—		
Opening	.....	43 12 0
Highest	.....	44 0 0
Lowest	.....	43 6 0
Closing	.....	43 12 0

PRICE CONTROL IN CITY

Move To Associate Consumers' Committee

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General Department, has addressed the following letter to the Mayor of Bombay:—

Government proposes to appoint a small Consumers' Committee of about 10 members, with a view to associate middle and lower middle classes with the price control activities of Government. The members of the Committee will have personal experience of retail prices as affecting the lower middle class and the salary and wage earning labour class and this will be particularly useful to Government.

The members will be selected from the employees' of the Bombay Municipal Corporation, the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, the Indian Merchants' Chamber, the Bombay Millowners' Association, the Bombay Port Trust, the B.E.S.T., the G. I. P. and B. B. and C. I. Railways and Trade Unions. In the case of the Millowners' Association and the Chambers of Commerce, the employees of firms in the Association, who are not connected with wholesale or retail trade in essential commodities will be eligible.

It is also proposed that the members should represent (1) the main communities which differ to some extent in their requirements of necessaries and (2) the following income groups:—

(a) upto Rs. 80
(b) between Rs. 80 to Rs. 150
(c) between Rs. 150 to Rs. 250

The functions of the Committee will be:
(1) To bring to the notice of the Controller of Prices, Bombay and Government cases where the official reports of wholesale and retail prices which will be supplied to them do not agree with those actually charged in the Bazar;
(2) To indicate any cases where the retail price of any essential article is causing particular hardship to lower middle class and labour consumers.
(3) to meet the Controller of Prices, Bombay, in his office in the Secretariat, once a week and acquaint him with information about price movements gathered by themselves or brought to their notice by their fellow employees.

The Committee will 'not' be required to suggest what are fair prices and what should be the proper standard of living among the lower middle classes. Recommendations for a dearness allowance or an increase in salaries and wages will be outside its scope.

(This matter will come before the Municipal Corporation to-day (Tuesday).)

CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, LTD.

Annual Report

The Net Profit of the Central Bank of India, Ltd. for the year ended 31st December, 1941, subject to audit, including the sum of Rs. 8,12,319-0-2 brought forward from last year's account amounts to Rs. 49,11,730-2-6, which the Directors have disposed of as follows:

An Ad-interim dividend was paid for the half-year ended 30th June 1941 at the rate of 6 per cent per annum. free of income-tax on 6,72,528 shares absorbing	Rs.	5,04,396 0 0
Amount transferred to Reserve and Contingency Fund	Rs.	7,00,000 0 0
Amount transferred to Bank's Investments in Government and other securities	Rs.	4,00,000 0 0
Amount provided for Income-tax and Super-tax	Rs.	8,00,000 0 0
Amount transferred to Sinking Fund in respect of Lands and Buildings	Rs.	3,00,000 0 0
Bonus to Staff	Rs.	3,00,000 0 0
	Rs.	30,04,396 0 0

The balance of Rs. 19,07,334-2-6 the Directors propose to dispose of as follows:—

To pay a final dividend for the half-year ended 31st December, 1941, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, free of income-tax i.e. Re. 1 per share on 6,72,528 shares (making 7 per cent for the whole year) which will utilize	Rs.	6,72,528 0 0
To pay a Bonus to the Shareholders at the rate of 2 per cent per annum i.e annas eight per Share, free of income-tax	Rs.	3,36,264 0 0
To carry forward to next year's account	Rs.	8,98,542 2 6
	Rs.	49,11,730 2 6

Position Of Scheduled Banks

Statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on 2nd January:—

1. Demand Liabilities:	
(a) In India	220,01,92,000
(b) In Burma	11,63,53,000
2. Time Liabilities:	
(a) In India	107,05,11,000
(b) In Burma	4,32,21,000
3 Cash:	
(i) Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes:—	
(a) In India	9,90,29,000
(b) In Burma	38,000
(ii) Burma Notes:	
(a) In India	1,03,000
(b) In Burma	82,24,000
(iii) Rupee Coin:	
(a) In India	1,20,21,000
(b) In Burma	1,54,000
(iv) Subsidiary Coin:	
(a) In India	39,27,000
(b) In Burma	41,000
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	31,44,49,000
5. Advances:	
(a) In India	121,19,04,000
(b) In Burma	3,47,79,000
6. Bills Discounted:	
(a) In India	6,17,90,000
(b) In Burma	13,51,000

Comparative statement of the position of scheduled banks.

(In thousand Rupees)

	2-1-1942	26-12-1941	3-1-1941	1-9-1939
1. Demand Liabilities in India & Burma	231,65,45	224,73,25	178,87,06	141,39,78
	11,63,53	11,91,38	8,83,20	7,03,39
2. Time Liabilities in India & Burma	111,37,32	112,78,77	100,44,59	106,46,46
	4,32,21	4,36,85	3,86,60	4,22,12
3. Total cash in India & Burma	12,35,37	10,73,28	10,05,15	7,20,82
	84,57	87,06	53,02	57,77
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	31,44,49	30,96,67	47,14,70	25,27,75
5. Advances in India & Burma	124,66,83	122,57,36	102,12,32	105,65,08
	3,47,79	3,54,10	3,49,91	4,12,92
6. Bills Discounted in India & Burma	6,31,41	6,34,68	2,60,11	3,86,74
	13,51	13,78	14,82	29,45

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, January 12

Fine White Java sugar per cwt':—
Java ready from Bond Rs. 17-4-0
African from Bond Rs. 16-8-0
Indian sugars ready:—
Ready (ordinary) Rs. 17-6-0 to 17-12-0
Ready (large grain) Rs. 17-12-0 to 18-12-0
Beland Rs. 19-10-0
Chinar Lisa Rs. 30-8-0
Bombay Group March delivery Rs. 13-10-0
Tone:—Steady.

DEADLOCK IN COTTON MARKET

Bombay, January 12

The deadlock in the local market still continues and no trading was reported today.

In the meantime a representation signed by over 70 members is sent to the Government not to sanction the request of the Board of Directors of the East India Cotton Association to rescind the penalty of Rs. 25.

The question of Oomra is for about 30,000 bales but the market remains closed as a protest against the decision of the Board and traders are now anxiously awaiting the final decision of the Government.

In the meantime the market position is becoming grave and attempts are being made to create a panic which will force liquidation and depress prices further so that Bears may be able to cover their extensive short sales at low prices. The market outlook is very uncertain and great caution is needed.

The Mahajan Association ring opened today at Rs. 211 for Broach A/M delivery and prices after declining to Rs. 209 steadied at Rs. 210/4.

By the settlement time at 2 p.m. Broach stood at Rs. 211 with a moderate turnover and finally in the evening was Rs. 212.

With a view to clear misunderstanding, the E. I. C. A. has issued a notice saying that the Board resolved to recommend to Government amendment of By-law 64 so that the Board may on the due date consider the position then prevailing and dispense with the minimum penalty. Under existing circumstances it would be open to the parties affected to approach Government in the matter.

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay January 12

		Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G	Bengal U P		133	130	127	124
M G	Punjab		133	130	127	124
M G	Rajputana		139	136	133	130
M G	Oomra No. 3	183	180	177	174	
M G C P	No. 1	219	216	213	210	
M G C P	No. 2	196	193	190	184	

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, January 12

	Old.	Ready.
Bengal Fine	118-21	130/33
Berar	141-46	189/91
C. P. 1	196-301	223/26
C. P. 2	161-66	203/06
Khandesh	116-21	131/36
Muglai	121-26	146/51
Broach	132-37	
Broach Low	112-22	

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay, January 12

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales	10-1-42	This year	Since 1st Sept. Last year
Khandesh	988	27,795	44,034
Central India	232	11,085	21,759
Barsi and Nagar	540	26,692	36,974
Hyderabad-Gaorani	149	3,481	10,834
Berar	604	83,644	111,951
Central Provinces	250	31,761	15,216
Total Oomras	2,763	184,458	240,878
Dholleras	99	14,457	12,957
N W Provinces	.....	949	366
Rajputana	.....	378	1,559
Sind-Punjab	4,111	194,313	203,905
Broach	519	17,644	7,998
Coompta & Dharwar	.....	6,002	26,979
Westerns-Northerns	.....	5,956	27,961
Cocoanada	.....	.....	239
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	.....	8,072	522
Total	7,492	335,159	523,364
Arrived by road to 8th January 1942	.....	42,500	85,000

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES

	1941-42	1940-41
F P Bales		
Receipts to date 10-1-42	2512000	2535000
Receipts yesterday 10-1-42	10000	3000
Export to date 19-12-41	.....	585000
Stock at Ports 9-1-42	3354000	3446000
Stock at Interior Towns 9-1 42	.....	3303000
Quantity in sight 19-12-41	.....	6908000

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, January 12

Wheat May	0 8 0	
Linseed May	0 14 3	
Groundnut February	2 0 0	
Groundnut May	5 0 0	
Castorseed May	4 12 0	
Cottonseed May	2 4 0	
Silver 1st settlement	1 4 0	
Gold 1st settlement	1 5 0	

COTTON PARITY

Broach A/M below New York May 995 cent points at exchange 331
Broach J/A below New York July 1000 cent points at exchange 331

AMERICAN COTTON WEEKLY STATISTICS

(IN 1,000'S)

New York, January 9

	Season to-date	This week	Season 1940/41
Forwarded to American mills including other America (excluding linters)	5,061	300	4,782
Stocks at U. S. Ports	—	3,354	—
Stocks at U. S. interior towns	—	•	—
Receipts at U. S. Ports	2,502	206	2,532

*Discontinued.

PEPPER AND GINGER

Bombay, January 12

Pepper ready	102	0 0
Maha Sud 15	100	8 0
Chaitra Sud 15	103	8 0
Ginger ready	38	0 0
Maha Sud 15	33	8 0
Chaitra Sud 15	31	8 0

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Copper sheets lb. 21 Rs. 108 28 106 35 105 42 104 49-56 102

Brass sheets Flag Brand lb. 20-21 Rs. 104 24 99 28 100 35 96 42 95/8 49-56 95

Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 65 Rosita Rs. 63 Country make Rs. 55 Pigiead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 30/4 per cwt.

Tin ingot Penang Rs. 74 per qr.
Settlement rates:—
Copper sheets Chaitra Rs. 104
Pigiead 'B.M.' Maha Rs. 29/8
Tin ingot Penang Maha Rs. 74 nominal.

SHIPPING NEWS.

IMPORTS

Bombay: January 12.

25595 bags copra, 24000 bags cement, 512 bags cummin seed, 93 bags papparkhar, 66 bags jeera, 42 bags goagar, 468 bags expeller C N Poonae, 56 bags dry prawns, 1891 bags gum, 150 casks rosin, 75 casks milk food, 31 H/chest tea, 139 thallies fish manure, 1400 robbins C N Poonae, 500 dms welded drums turpentine quality No. 1, 30 nos old empty drums, 596 pkgs dry fruits, 27 bdls goat skins, 22 bdls cow hides, 4914 bls cotton.

EXPORTS

Bombay: January 12.

50 bls cotton pcegoods Ralli Bros Ltd; 1000 bls raw cotton Bhaidas Mawji and Co. Ltd; 25 bls raw wool H A Panju; 69 bls raw wool The Bombay Co Ltd; 40 bls raw wool Vassanji and Co; 22 bls raw wool M Umershi; 45 bls raw wool Vijaysingh and Co; 324 bls raw wool D Abraham and Sons; 59 bls raw D/s goat skins D Abraham and Sons; 223 bls cotton pcegoods G N Musry; 10 bls cotton pcegoods J J M Poonjiaji; 73 pkgs cotton pcegoods The Central Trading Co; 32 bags gum H M Kerawalla; 333 bags gum M Kantilal; 2200 dms grdnut oil Brahappa Tawanappanaver; 10 bls cotton pcegoods M A Mallick and Co; 25 cases cotton yarn Tulsidas Khimji; 50 bags soapstone powder Indian Crayon Works; 9 bls raw salted goat skin A J Calcuttawalla and Co; 18 bls raw wool H A Mahomed and Sons; 148 bls raw wool C Lister and Co; 875 bags coriander seed S M Rajgor and Co; 62 bags flen seed G Gokalchand; 689 bags crushed bone B Ardeshir and Co; 12 pots Palmarosa oil Volkart Bros; 39 pkgs cotton pcegoods S A Bassam; 130 bls cotton yarn A El Ejel 120 pkgs cotton pcegoods A El Ejel; 1225 bls cotton waste clean L O Vora; 376 bls cotton waste clean Champakial and Co; 72 bls raw wool The Anglo-Thai Corporation Ltd.

Indian Stock Exchange

Bombay, January 12

The market ruled dull to-day with unimpressive price changes. Tata Deferreds opened at 1695 and touched 1705 but closed at 1700. Tata Ordinaries moved between 319 and 321 and stood finally at 320. In the textile group Bombay Dyeings were steady at 1190. Indian Irons were quoted a bit lower at 29.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day:—

Tata Deferreds (1700) 1695 1705 1700
Tata Ordinaries (320) 319 321 320
Tata Ordinary 320; Tata Deferred 1700; Indian Iron 29; Steel Corpn of Bengal 16/6; Bombay Dyeing 1190; Central India 351/4; Century 388/12; Gokak 254/6; Kohinoor 475; Simplex 166; Andhra Valley 1655; Tata Hydro 170; Tata Power 1585; Associated Cement 160/8; Belapur 238/2; Bombay Burma (old) 357/8.

Share Bazar Closed

Bombay, January 12

To-day being Valan day, the Bombay Stock Exchange was entirely closed.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, January 12.

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 2 months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Three months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Four months
B C RATES:
T T 1/5 15/16; D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/6 31/32; D D 1/6 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32; D D 1/6 5/32
NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs 332 3/4; D D Rs 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2; D D Rs 327 1/2
Cross Rates Dol. 4.02 1/2; 3 1/2.
MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2; D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 1/4; D D Rs 294 3/4
Cross Rates Dol. 4.43/47
JAVA:—
Banks selling T T Gld 55 3/4; D D Gld 56
Banks buying T T Gld 57 1/2; D D Gld 58
Cross Rates Gld 7.58/62.
BERNE:—
Banks selling T T Fcs. 126 3/4; D D nil.
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2; D D nil.
Cross Rates Fcs 17.30/40.
STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T K 123; D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 128
Cross Rates K 16.85/95
SINGAPORE:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 157 1/8; D D Rs. 157 1/2.
Banks buying T T Rs. 156 1/4; D D Rs. 153 1/2.
Cross Rates Sh. 2/4 1/32 3/32.
MEXICO:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27; D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04; D D Rs 62.04
Cross Rates Pes. 19.5 21.5
LISBON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom; D D Esc 7.35 nom
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55
Cross Rates Esc 99.80 100.20
NEW YORK:—
Cross Rate Dol 4.03 3/4
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady dull.
Gold £8/8/0 Ready
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready; 23 1/2 Forward.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call 1/2 per cent.
1 to 2 months 1/2 per cent.
3 to 6 months 3/4 per cent.
9 months 1 per cent.
Tone:—Easy.

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, January 12

On Saturday, London markets were closed. London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York. London Spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d. New York Spot silver was unchanged at 35 1/8 cents. London Bombay Spot and forward silver parity was Rs. 62-10-3. The local market was quietly steady. Quotations were as under:—

GOLD		
Ready	Rs.	47 4 6
Maha		46 12 6
Sovereigns		32 0 0
SILVER		
Ready		71 0 0
Maha		65 1 0

Bombay Ready Cotton Seeds Merchants' Association

Bombay, January 12

Cottonseed Berar good quality for Bombay and Suburb ..... Rs. 24 15 0

WAR SERVICE MEN TO BE PREFERRED IN CIVIL SERVICE

HYDERABAD, Jan. 10.

In the course of a broadcast the Nawab of Chhatari revealed that an assurance of protection, even after the war, had been given to certain industries started during the war.

His Exalted Highness, he said, had just passed orders that initial recruitment for permanent appointments to all grades and services in all civil departments of the Nizam's Government would in future be made from among men producing certificates of approved war service and were qualified for the particular grades or departments for which they applied.

Until men with war service were obtained all initial appointments would be on a temporary basis and would be replaced by men with war service.

The Nawab of Chhatari said that a notification would shortly be issued giving details of the facilities provided by the Osmania University and the Education Department for completing the studies of students, who decided to perform national work, in a shorter period than was the case normally.—A..P

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Nazi Hint Of 'Something In Mediterranean'

Reverses On Eastern Front And Growing Shortage Of Food Complicate Matters For Hitler

LONDON, January 7.

It would seem that by diplomatic and propagandist methods the Germans are making every effort to arrest the progress of disillusionment throughout Europe, observes the "Manchester Guardian's" Diplomatic Correspondent. One manifestation of these efforts lies in assurances of astounding military and diplomatic developments in the near future which, according to the familiar formula will prove to be of a decisive character. In this connection the Germans are dropping hints about forthcoming spectacular events in the Mediterranean region.

Whether this kind of talk can be of any real assistance to the Germans so far as the Balkans are concerned remains to be seen. It is undeniable, however, that the whole Axis design in this region is materially affected by the behaviour of the invaded territories, and neither Italy nor Germany has yet been able to stamp out the active resistance of Yugoslavia or deal adequately with the passive resistance maintained in Greece. To add to these difficulties, symptoms of disquiet both in the political and in a practical sense seem to be spreading in countries which are nominally allies of the Axis.

For this state of things the worsening food shortage and general war strain are partly responsible. But the major factor is the military situation, which gives rise to widespread concern. Germany's satellites undoubtedly thought that the campaign against Russia would be quite a short one. Instead, their overlords are asking them for further contributions in men and material which involve further sacrifices for all. The new demands are in all probability not solely connected with the Eastern Front but have something to do with the projected assault to the south against the Mediterranean.

Germany, too, had banked on a speedy victory over Russia in her Balkan intrigues, promising by way of reward for services rendered the satisfaction of territorial ambitions and settlements of all longstanding differences among the Balkan peoples. There is some evidence that these ancient disputes are cropping up again largely as the result of hopes being indefinitely deferred. The German Foreign Minister, therefore may have to exert all his energies to preserve the facade of unity among the Anti-Comintern brethren. This much can be said for certain: whatever help he may seek—and perhaps obtain under pressure—towards crushing the resistance of Greece and Yugoslavia will avail nothing at all.

JAPAN. FIRST

No Large Scale U. S. Expeditionary Force For Britain This Year

LONDON, Jan. 3.

President Roosevelt's declaration that American land, sea and air forces "Will take stations in the British Isles" does not mean that a large American expeditionary force is about to sail for Europe, explains the "Daily Telegraph's" Washington Correspondent.

American warships will undoubtedly be seen in British ports, as they take part in convoy duty across the whole stretch of the Atlantic. If an assault is made on the British Isles, every possible assistance required will be forthcoming from the United States.

Finally, when the American production programme, which is now very much in the blue-print stage has gained momentum, the time for offensive action with Britain as the base of operations will have come.

The war is looked upon in the United States as a whole, and the use of England as a base or the adoption of some other base will be fitted into the grand strategy of the war.

At the moment, while Hitlerism is recognised as the most powerful Axis partner, the greatest danger is still felt to be in the Far East. Once the Japanese have been held, the time will have come to decide whether to carry the assault first against Japan or first against Germany, or against both at once.

Interpretations of President Roosevelt's remark as meaning that the arrival of a large American expeditionary force was imminent may be due to the fact that the vast American arms production programme is called the "1942 programme". It is actually a programme for the fiscal year 1942, which does not end until June 30, 1943.

The decision to send troops abroad—ending, as it does, a controversy which has raged in the United States ever since Hitler started this war—is one more indication of the about-face in American public opinion produced by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour.

To-day everyone accepts this as a matter of course, as something that must be done to beat the Axis, and all this country asks is an early opportunity to come to grips with its enemies.

Roosevelt Confers With Litvinov

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.

President Roosevelt conferred with the Soviet Ambassador M. Litvinov and Mr. George Messersmith the newly appointed Ambassador in Mexico to-day.

The President also interrupted his quiet Sunday schedule in order to confer with General Marshal, Chief of Staff.

CUTTACK, Jan. 12.—Mr. B. Sen Gupta, Managing Editor of the United Press of India, was entertained at a tea party by Mr. B. Das, M.L.A. (Central), yesterday.

Sir Henry Pownall photographed on arrival in Malaya as Commander-in-Chief, Far East. He has since been appointed Chief of Staff to General Wavell.

PSYCHIC FEAT OF HEALING

Spirit Voice Of Late Peshawar Doctor Works Through Wm. Lilley

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, Jan. 11.

The current issue of "Psychic News" publishes a remarkable story of alleged healing gifts of a man, who in a trance becomes the spirit voice of Dr Lejah Tari (spiritualists call him Letari), twenty-five-year-old Hindu, who died at Peshawar in 1914. He is William Lilley, born a month or two before Letari's death and unconditionally exempted from military service to carry on the healing work of Letari, said to have spoken through his medium Lilley in English, Hindustani, German and Chinese, although Lilley knows only English. Lilley is also occasionally controlled by an Egyptian spirit, who uses nine languages, including Latin, Greek and Russian.

Letari taught Lilley anatomy, osteopathy, chiropratice, homoeopathy manipulative massage electrotherapy, chromotherapy, biochemistry and other healing arts.

He effects his cures when in a trance, wherein he first breathes rythmically, and imperceptibly, then slightly louder crosses his feet in Yoga fashion, eye-brows raised.

The writer of the "Psychic News" article claims to have been cured by Lilley of disabilities he suffered since he was machine-gunned on the Somme in 1918, which baffled doctors. The writer says, Lilley corrected spinal displacements in ten minutes while the doctors had been endeavouring to correct them for twenty years.

SANDIEGO (California), Jan. 12:—Judge Joseph Franklin, the seventy-two-year old leader of the "Jesus Witnesses" Religious Movement has died here.—Reuter.

New Commands In Australia

MELBOURNE, Jan. 11.

Australia has been divided into two great military commands, announced the Army Minister, Mr. Forde. Queensland Newsouthwales, Victoria, Tasmania and South-Australia will be under the command of Maj.-Gen. Sir Ivan Mackay at present the Commander-in-Chief of Home Defence, while Western Australia will be commanded by Maj.-Gen. E. C. P. Plant, newly recalled from the Middle East.

Darwin and New Guinea will be under the commands of their respective local commandants, subject to control from army headquarters.

Government does not intend at present to amend the Defence Act to permit the use of militi outside Australian territories, but, if the necessity arises, militiamen could be dispatched immediately to strategic positions outside the Commonwealth and the law speedily amended. The present Government's view is that the position does not justify an action that would bring about political upset and interfere with the smooth working of the administration. The inflow of air recruits removes the immediate danger of shortage of reinforcements for overseas.—Reuter.

U-Boat Nuisance Will Be Tackled

ALEXANDRIA, Jan. 11.

Rear Admiral Rawkins, commanding the Seventh Cruiser Squadron, in an interview said "U-Boats operating in the Mediterranean in a sufficient number will be a nuisance but a nuisance which can and will be tackled.

These are more noticeably effective than the Italians probably they had more practice.

Nevertheless the east Mediterranean has been quiet recently.

Our supply-line to Libya is working smoothly and at the same time the Royal Navy is continuing to interrupt General Rommel's seaplanes and communications.—Reuter.

Non-Violence And Defence

Rajen Babu Defends 'No Change' Policy

JALGAON, Jan. 10.

Addressing a very largely attended public meeting last night at Jalgaon, Babu Rajendra Prasad said that there were three opinions in the Congress at present, he being one of those, who held that non-violence was the only effective and practicable policy that India could undertake in these days of world war.

He questioned whether it was possible for India to defend herself when the war had come so near her frontiers and when her people had been disarmed for the last 70 years, not knowing the use of a single firearm nor its production.

Continuing, he asked why should Congress now change its policy, which she had followed for the last 20 years and which had immensely benefited here and that too in favour of a way of life, which had landed even great nations in the worst of plights, as evidenced by France, in this world war.

BENGAL CONGRESS COMMITTEES TO BE REVIVED

Azad's Injunctions To Provincial Congress Council

CALCUTTA, Jan. 12.

In accordance with the instructions of the Congress President Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Executive Council of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee, at its meeting last night decided to revive all Congress Committees in the Province.

The Council further decided to issue instructions to all the District Congress Committees in Bengal to take immediate steps for organising Volunteer Corps to deal with emergencies arising out of the war.

Congressmen are also being advised to co-operate fully with the authorities in the matter of civil defence without going against the principles of the Congress.

The Council also passed resolutions condemning the arrest and detention of Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose and the action of the Behar Government in banning the Bhagalpur session of the Hindu Mahasabha.—A. P.

SPANISH LOSSES IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Jan. 7.

A broadcast from Berlin by the Spanish General Munoz Granda on January 4 was designed to cover up the disaster which has overtaken the Spanish "Blue Division" on the Russian front, observes "The Times" Lisbon Correspondent. Official but unpublished figures give the Spanish losses in the field as no fewer than 8,000 men out of the total of 14,000 quite apart from considerable wastage behind the lines.

Care has been taken in Spain not to publish casualty lists, and even relatives of the dead are not informed until many weeks have passed, when a pathetic bundle of clothes arrives by post. The lack of enthusiasm observed when the Division left Spain has given place to despair.

KOLHAPUR, Jan. 12.

The First Conference of Muslims of Kolhapur State will be held on 19th January at Kolhapur under the Presidentship of Mr. Ahmad Ibrahim Haroon Jaffer of Poona.—A. P.

Two Conferences Of Harijan Workers

Mahatma Gandhi's Advice To Sevaks At Bardoli

In the first week of January, 1942, the fourth Conference of Harijan workers of South India was held in the Vinay-ashram at Kavur in Guntur district, under the presidentship of Shrimati Rameshwari Nehru.

Resolutions requesting trustees of temples to take immediate steps to throw open temples to Harijans, urging the Madras Government to extend prohibition to all districts in the presidency and requesting authorities to give more educational facilities to Harijan boys and girls, were adopted. Also resolutions urging the removal of sub-caste distinctions among Harijans and stressing the importance of technical education for Harijans were also passed. The Conference thanked all public bodies, which had granted dearness allowance to low-paid employees like the sweepers and scavengers, and requested those bodies that have not yet done so, to grant a similar allowance. The Conference further appointed a Committee to enquire into the grievances of scavengers in Madras city and take necessary steps to redress the same.

Western and Central India Harijan Sevaks' Conference: The second Conference of Harijan workers of Western and Central India, including Sind and Rajputana, was held on 6th, 7th and 8th January, under the presidentship of Shri A. V. Thakkar. On the first two days the Conference met in the Harijan ashram at Sabarmati (Ahmedabad) and on the 3rd day in the Swaraj ashram at Bardoli. About forty delegates including Appasaheb Patwardhan of Ratnagiri district, Sjt. V. V. Dastane of Bhusaval, Miss F. Sonawala of Bombay, and Mama Phadke of Godhra, attended the Conference.

CREMATION TROUBLES

Shri Narhari D. Parikh, president of Gujarat H. S. Sangh, welcoming the delegates, said that in spite of the work done since 1916 under Gandhiji's guidance for removal of untouchability, there are still existing some civic disabilities for the Harijans. He pointed out the injustice in refusing to allow the dead bodies of Harijans to be cremated in the common Hindu cremation ground, as occurred only two months ago in Vile Parle near Bombay. He referred to an old trust deed for a cremation ground handed over to the municipality of Ahmedabad in which a clause is found prohibiting the cremation of dead bodies of Harijans.

Shri A. V. Thakkar, in his presidential speech, narrated the Harijan welfare work going on in different provinces both on behalf of the H. S. Sangh and the provincial Governments and said that here and there workers have slackened their efforts in this movement. We should redouble our efforts to eradicate untouchability. In conclusion he said that untouchability in some of its minute forms cannot be wiped off completely until we efface the numerous caste distinctions that exist in Hindu society.

In the meeting of the Subjects' Committee, some of the delegates gave short talks bearing on their own Harijan work, which had some special features. Various civic disabilities of Harijans were discussed at length and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

(1) That a propaganda campaign should be started in selected places in Gujarat and Maharashtra, in villages, for securing for Harijans the right of drawing water from common well.

(2) This Conference requests all municipalities, provincial Governments and States, that as the present system of scavenging in all middle class towns and also the construction of latrines, private and public, are in a very deplorable condition, improved methods should be adopted for collection and disposal of night soil and removal of sullage water, and also that uniforms should be provided for the conservancy staff.

(3) This Conference requests the Bombay Government not to insist upon the increment of "Judi" on the Inam lands given to Mahars, Mangs, Vethias etc., for village service, and to do justice to these poor Harijan village servants.

(4) This Conference requests all mill-owners to remove the existing boycott of Harijans from employment in weaving and other departments in textile mills, they being confined at present only to spinning department.

(5) This Conference is of opinion that a pamphlet should be published, giving all the concessions, educational and others, given by Governments and local bodies, for the information of Harijans; further, the Sevaks should see that the Harijans are given the full benefit of such concessions. This Conference also recommends that duly qualified Harijans should be employed in reasonable proportion in all institutions conducted by the Congress and by bodies subordinate to it.

(6) This Conference requests the Bombay University to exempt all Harijan and other backward class students from the payment of examination fees for the examinations conducted by it.

(7) This Conference requests the trustees and managers of boarding homes, where students of all other Hindu castes expecting the Harijan castes are admitted, to admit Harijan students also.

On the 8th January the Conference met at Bardoli in the presence of Mahatma Gandhi About forty-five delegates including Mr. A. V Thakkar Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, Mr. Narayanrao Kajrolker, Miss. Soonawalla, Mr Purao from Bombay, Kakasaheb Barve from Dhulia, Sjt. V. V. Dastane of Bhusawal, Mr. Nalavde from Satara were present. Mahatma Gandhi gave his approval to the resolutions adopted by the Conference, especially to No. 1 and 7 regarding common wells and boarding homes. In reply to a question put by a Sevak, Gandhiji explained that Christian and Muslim propagandists cannot be prevented from carrying on propaganda for converting Harijans to their faith, but the Sevaks should carry on their own work amongst the Harijans explaining to them the tenets of the religion in which they are born; further Sevaks should render them various kinds of service, by freely mixing with them and redressing their grievances.

To another question, regarding the action taken by some Harijan workers for cremating the dead bodies of Harijans in Vile Parle near Bombay, about 2 months ago Gandhiji said that the workers were quite justified in breaking open the locks illegally put to the gates of the cremation ground, as it was customary and lawful for Harijan dead bodies to be burnt in that cremation ground.

INDIAN TROOPS FOR DEFENCE OF CEYLON

Commander Appeals To Inhabitants To Co-operate

COLOMBO, Jan. 8.

The Commander of the Indian troops now in Ceylon in the course of an interview granted to the press yesterday stated:—

"The Indian units seen in Colombo are part of the forces allocated for the defence of this island.

These units will be highly motorised and to enable them to operate to advantage, we earnestly request the full co-operation of the inhabitants and the unrestricted use, when circumstances demand it, of major and minor roads.

Unit Commanders realise the inconvenience that has been caused to many members of the sporting fraternity by the location of hutted accommodation on certain club grounds.

The spirit in which these areas have been released is greatly appreciated and, on behalf of all ranks, I take this opportunity to express my gratitude."

He added that the troops are extremely fit, trained and ready to undertake any duties that they may be called upon to perform.—A. P.

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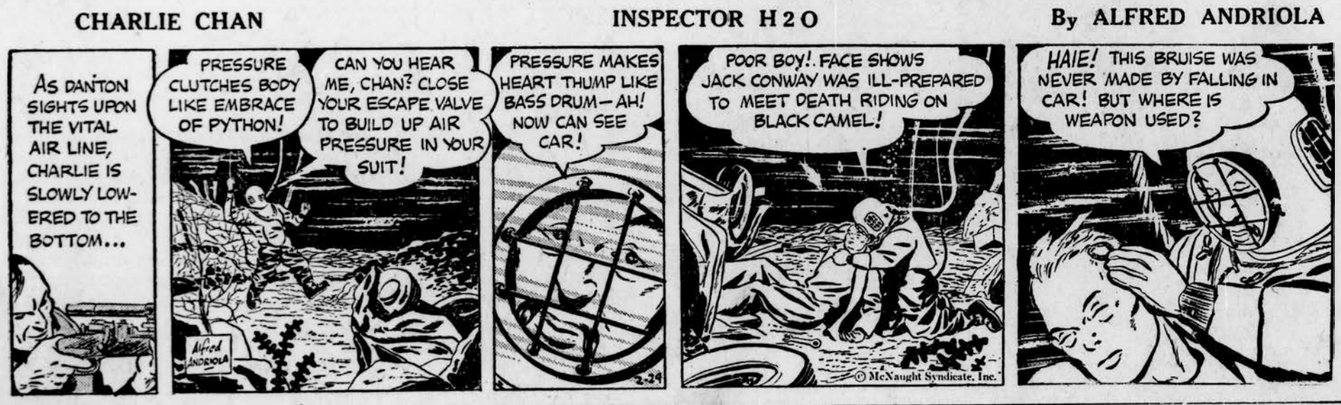
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